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Correspondence

LETTERS SENT BY THE DIRECTOR AND THE SUPERINDENTENT OF THE MINT, 1866-1900

Dec. 12, 1877 - Sept. 30, 1878

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U. S. MINT
LETTERS
No. 20

From Dec, 12th 1877
To March, 7th 1878.

No 20
Dec 1st 1877
to March 7 1878

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Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will furnish at your earliest convenience.

1,000 printed letter envelopes, like the enclosed sample. We have not a weeks supply on hand.

Also, 50 pay rolls like the sample herewith enclosed; I received a larger supply of Officers pay rolls than were needed, and not enough general pay rolls.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington. D.C.

Dec 12 7

Sir:

I herewith forward a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury for 1.000 printed letter envelopes, and 500 general pay rolls, which I will thank you to have forwarded to its proper destination; with your approval

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

DC.

Dec 12 7

Sir,

I herewith forward for payment, if there is any fund out of which they can be paid, two receipted bills in duplicate, of Joseph Parker, dated July 1. 1875; as follows.

1. For cleaning cess pool $90.00
2. For cleaning out drain wells. $195.00

The enclosed communication from the Melter & Refiner, will explain how these liabilities were incurred, and why the bills were not sooner presented for payment

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Very Respectfully

Dec 18 7

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 7th inst., I herewith forward C/D of the 12th inst. in duplicate, No. 407, in your name, from the Asst. Treas. U. S. at Philadelphia to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. for the sum of $806.07, coin, on account of duties on imports, the recoinage of $807.57 light gold coin, specified in your letter. I also enclose Mint Memorandum No. 1714.

I will thank you for an acknowledgment of the receipt of the C/D. as my voucher.

Jos. C. Abbott, Esq.
Coll. of Customs,
Wilmington, N. C.

Very Respectfully

Dec'r 13 7

Sir

The mineral sent by you to the Director at Washington, has been sent here. There is not the least show of any thing valuable in it, but if you choose to pay the expense, Five Dollars, we can analyse it for you.

Yours &c.

Jas. Pollock
Supdt.

Mr Amos Cogswell
Lakeview, Lake Co.
Oregon

18 7

Sir

In compliance with your re-
quest in letter of the 8th inst. I-
forward to you to-day by Adams
Express Co., forty (40) pieces in
silver (dollars of 412½ grains) from
the designs of Messrs Barber and
Morgan, 20 pieces from each
design, with the bill for the sa
$42.80 herewith enclosed. Your
bill rendered $12.85.

I had, struck under the general
verbal authority from you in
such cases, one of each in cop
for myself, one each for the Ca
one each for the Engraver, one
for Mr. Morgan, and one of Mr.

for yourself, 8 in all, 5 Barbers, 5 Morgans. I know you will approve.

I also ask your approval to strike in silver one of each design for myself - Coiner - Engraver, Mr. Snowden, Mr. Boyle, and W. S. P. 6 of each - 12 in all. to be paid for by the parties. Also, in copper, for Mr. DuBois one each, and two each for friends.

The dollar of Mr. Barber has been greatly improved by a slight change in the die - the defects mentioned by you removed, & the designs more clearly and sharply brought up. It is now a fine specimen. The stars on each side the eagle improve the appearance of the coin.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Dec 18 7

Sir

I herewith forward Statements of the Melter & Refiners Bullion Operations and Gold and Silver meltings for the month of October and November 1877, with Prof. Booth's comments thereon.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

Dec 13 7

Sir

I herewith forward the Official Bond of Mr. N. R. Boyd, Assistant to the Melter & Refiner, with his oath of office and the affidavit of his sureties. The sureties are amply sufficient for the amount of the bond.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC.

Dec 14 7

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst, has been received.

The Mint has not yet made any claim against Charles Gerlachs property; his wife cannot receipt for the interest on the mortgage. In saying this I do not wish to be understood as giving you any legal advice. As it is a matter which concerns yourself, you had better not act without consulting counsel, and be guided by the advice of your own lawyer.

Yours Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mr.
G. J. Haensler.
2451 Kensington Av.
Phila.

Dec 14 7

Sir,

I herewith forward drawings and description of some apparatus devised by Mr. Alexander E. Outerbridge of our Assay Department for saving volatilized bullion when melting, and submitted for your consideration with a view of having it practically tested in this Mint. It occurs to me that it might with great propriety be referred to the special commission, Prof. Rogers and Assayer DuBois, whom you recently charged with the examination of the Melter & Refiners losses by volatilization. Mr.

Outerbridges plan seems to be plausible, and can be tested in one of the old copper melting furnaces without interfering with the regular business of the Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

, Dec 14   7

Sir.

In compliance with your directions under date of the 13th inst, the entire amount of gold coin due from this Mint to the Assay Office at New York, $\$882,453^{23}$ was forwarded to that office by the Adams Express Co. to day.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 15. 7

Sir:

Referring to your two letters (2 off) of the 11th inst, I herewith forward receipt, in your name, of the 14th inst, No. 1280, for $10.28 silver coin, the bullion value of $[illegible] and $7.[illegible] in mutilated silver 3¢ pieces, specified in your letter. I also enclose duplicate Mint Memorandum No. 488.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
Jas. Gilfillan
Treasurer. U. S.
Washington
D.C.

Dec 15

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending December 15. 1877.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 15 7

Sir

Your letter of the 10th inst, has been received.

Your enclosed draft on the Nat. Bank of the Republic, New York, No. 58.902, to my order, for $1,000. in payment for a like amount of subsidiary silver coins, is herewith returned, it not being the kind of remittance required for that purpose. The enclosed circular from Secretary Sherman will show you how to proceed.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr. H. W. Edwards. Cas
Columbus.
Geo.

Dec 17 7

Sir

At the request of Mr. M. P. Davis I have appointed Park A. Jeanes, as a Laborer in the general department of this Mint at $2,00 per diem, to take effect January 1. 1878, and submit the same for approval.

This appointment is temporary, until the opening of Spring, as desired by Mr. Davis.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Dec 17 7

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 14th inst, I herewith forward the official bond on the blanks furnished, of N. B. Boyd, Assistant to the Melter & Refiner of this Mint. This bond is in due form and the sureties, two very respectable gentlemen of this city, are amply sufficient for the amount of the penalty.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 17 7

Sir,

Upon the Coiners nomination, herewith enclosed, and for the reasons therein stated, I have appointed A. Westermaier, heretofore in charge of the dyes tossing machine, as an employé in the Coining Room at $3. per diem, and submit the same for approval, under the 4th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873. This appointment from the 1st of December, inst.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington. D.C.

Dec 17 7

Gentlemen.

Your letter and enclosure of the 9th inst, post marked Dec 13th, has been received.

Your draft on Donnell, Lawson & Co. New York. No. 3448. for $2,000 for a like amount in silver half and quarter dollars, is herewith returned, it not being the kind of remittance required for that purpose.

The enclosed circular from Secretary Sherman will show you how to proceed.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
Thos. H. Emerson & Bro.
McKinney Texas

Dec 18   7

Gentlemen.

Yours of the 12th inst, has been received.

We have but a very small amount of nickel on hand, say 1½ lbs best commercial, 97 @ 98%, which you can have at $8,00 per lb and a few pounds of extra refined, 99 or over per cent, for $8,50 per pound.

If you want a larger quantity, apply to Joseph Wharton, Esq. Camden. N. J. manufacturer.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Messrs.

Kemp & Gaylord.

Allegheny, Pa

Dec 13 [illegible] 7

Sir:

Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned until Saturday, December 29, 1877, at 12 o'clock noon, to furnish the following supplies for the Melter & Refiner's department of this Mint, during the calendar year 1878.

1. Best commercial oil of vitriol of 66° Beaumé.

2. Nitric Acid of 35° Beaumé

3. Nitric Acid of 40° Beaumé

4. Best commercial Muriatic acid, strength given.

5. Best commercial aqua fortis strength given.

These supplies to be delivered

at the Mint, free of expense, in such quantities, and at such times as may be required.

The total amount required during the year will depend upon the amount and quality of the bullion to be operated on, but it is supposed will average about six thousand dollars in value.

Very Respectfully

Charles Lennig, Esq
112 So Front St
Philadelphia.

Sent also to
Powers & Weightman.
Savage, Keyser & Stowell.
Rosengarten & Sons.

Dec 20 7

Sir,

The name of Geo H. Benter Recorder in the general department of this Mint, has been dropped from the rolls from the 1st of December inst, for continued absence without leave, and I report this action for your official information and approval.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 20 7

Sir

I duly received your letter of the 17th inst, enclosing a draft to my order ~~for~~ on the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, for $52. U. S. currency, in payment of 52 specimen silver dollars forwarded to you by Express. I exchanged the currency for 52 Trade Dollars, and delivered them to the Coiner as standard silver to reimburse him for the standard silver contained in the specimen dollars. This left a balance in my favor of ninety five (95) cents, with which amount I have charged myself as profits in my medal account, as suggested in your letter.

I note your suggestions with regard to striking pattern pieces, the utmost caution will be observed in this regard.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 20 7

Sir:

The following "descriptive list of all pattern or experimental dies now in possession of this Mint," is furnished in compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 17th inst.

In the Superintendents possession.

Barber dies.

Denomination.	Obverse.	Reverse.	Date.
Dollar	8.	1	187
do	1.	1.	187
Half Dollar	6	5	187
Quarter "	1.		187
Dime	1		187
Fifty Dollar	3.	3	187
$50, Varied design.	--		187

Over

Fifty dollar. unfinished, 1 Reverse. no date

Morgan Dies

Denomination.	Obverse.	Reverse.	Date.
Eagle	1.	1.	1877
Half Dollar	9.	8	1877

Paquet Dies.

Half Dollar	1	1	1877
do do. (hubs)	1	1	1877

In the Engravers possession

Paquet, Trade Dollar.	1.	1.	no date.
Barber Dollar.	1	1.	1878
Morgan do	1	1.	1878.

The aggregate number of these dies. is.

Obverse 26.

Reverse. 25.

As requested, none of these dies will be defaced until instructions to do so are received from you.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Dec 20   7

Sir.

I herewith submit for your consideration, a communication under date of November 26. 1877, addressed to me by O. C. Bosbyshell, Esq. Coiner of this Mint, together with the accompanying papers, drawings and specifications, recommending a change in some of the machinery in the ~~Coining~~ Rolling Room, to supersede the draw-benches and enable him, at a material saving of expense, to do away with the pointing, waxing and greasing of strips, and pickling of planchets, and at the same time improve the color of silver coins.

The proposed improvements are plausible in theory, but are submitted as only an experiment, that must be judged by results. As it will involve time, labor and money, I leave the expediency of these alterations to your judgment and decision; but would suggest that if an appropriation be required, it should not be less than Five thousand (5000) Dollars.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Decr. 21st

Sir

I return herewith your communication in relation to certain silver coin received by you. As this coin was not shipped from this Mint I conclude that the letter is misdirected.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Benj. F. Flanders
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New Orleans.
La.

Decr 21. 7

Sir

Herewith I forward Certificate of Deposit No 4064 for Sixty eight and 21/100 Dollars ($68.21) deposited with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia on account of Old Material Sold.

I also enclose Statement of Old Material Sold –

Please forward the Certificate to its proper destination.

Very respectfully,
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 21. 7

Sir:

I have received notice from Hon. R. W. Taylor, First Comptroller of the Treasury, under date of the 17th inst, that in my account for the ordinary expenses of this Mint, for the month of September last, he has disallowed the sum of $2. charged by Mr. M. V. Davis, special employé for "washing". This objection is well founded, and I presume Mr. Davis, at your request will refund the amount to me.

The Comptroller also notifies me that voucher No. 882, in the same account, John T. Money for "telegrams", $14.19, has been "suspende for sub vouchers." I herewith enclose an itemized statement by Mr. Money, of the amount paid for telegrams during that month, together with copies, as vouchers, two of the most expensive telegrams of the month, $6.00 and $4.06, respectively. It is not possible to furnish sub-vouchers for the other items. When telegrams on official business of the Mint, are sent the amount is paid and entered by Mr. Money in a memorandum book kept by him for that purpose, and from which his monthly bill is accurately made up. When telegrams are received that have not been prepaid, the messenger boy, who of course, has no time to lose, is paid on the spot, (often in the midst of a press of business, that leaves scarcely time to receipt for the despatch,) by myself, or if absent for the moment by my Chief Clerk, or Mr. Money. and the amount entered by Mr. Money. It sometimes happens that telegrams arriving after business hours, and sent to me at my house, and paid to the boy on the spot by myself, or if I dont happen to be in at the time, by some member of my family. The $6.00 telegram from San Francisco Sept 27th, was delivered to me at my house at midnight, and the charges on it paid to the boy at that hour. It is obvious that the taking of formal vouchers under such circumstances is impracticable, and as it has never before been required by the Department, I presume that this explanation will be satisfactory.

My Messenger, Mr. Mooney, is honest and very particular in these things, and the utmost care is taken in keeping an account of these little incidental expenses, which is carefully examined before the bill is approved, so that there shall be no loss or overcharge to the Government.

I have to request that you will please communicat with the Comptroller on the subject, and upon a presentation of the facts of the case, endeavor to have his objections to the voucher in dispute removed, and future embarrasement avoided.

Very

Very Respectfully
Jas. Elliott
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 22 7

Sir.

Yours of the 20th inst, offering various one cent coin for sale to the Mint, has been received.

We have a full collection of cents, and therefore do not wish to purchase any. We only buy such rare coins as we may not have in our collection.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Mr.

M. L. Putnam.

Groton

Mass.

Dec 22 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending December 22. 1877.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 22 7

Sir:

I have appointed Miss. Lizzie B. Render, as an Adjuster in the Coiners Department of this Mint, at $1.75 per diem, vice Miss M. A. Battell, deceased. This appointment to take effect January 1. 1878.

The Coiners letter of nomination is herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Dec 22   7

Sir.

On the 4th of December, inst, I addressed a letter to ten of the principal coal dealers of this city, inviting sealed proposals until Thursday, December 20th at 12 o'clock noon, for supplying this Mint with the best hard anthracite coal, from the Harleigh, Hazleton, Honey Brook, or Council Ridge mines, for the six months ending June 30. 1878, 2240 pounds to the ton, and delivered at the Mint free of expense, in such quantities as may be required from time to time.

I received proposals fro

five of these parties and opened them this morning as follows:

1.	Branson & Brother.	$4.40 per ton
2.	Lewis L. Houpt	4.75 " "
3.	Chas. Lemberg	4.75 " "
4	Geo. B. Newton & Co.	5.00 " "
5	Wm. W. Alter.	5.50 " "

Branson & Brother are the lowest bidders, and are responsible dealers. I herewith forward the proposals for your consideration, with a request that you will return them to me, after you have examined them, with any suggestions you have to make on the subject.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 22 7

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st inst. has been received.

The nominal value of the minor coins of the United States, is fixed by Act of Congress. They are merely tokens, and their intrinsic gold value it is not in my power to give. That would depend upon the price paid for the metal contained in them, at the different and widely separated periods of purchase. Their intrinsic gold value now would depend upon the present market value of the metals, with the price of gold added, and the cost of coining.

The old copper cent was not made a legal tender. The Act of April 22d 1864, Section 4. made the one cent pieces a legal tender to the amount of ten cents; and the two cent piece to the amount of twenty cents. The Act of March 3. 1865, Section 1st. made the copper-nickel three cent piece a legal tender to the amount of sixty cents. The Act of May 16. 1866, Section 3. made the copper-nickel five cent piece a legal tender to the amount of one dollar. The Coinage Act of Feby 12 1873, Section 16. makes the bronze one cent, and the copper-nickel three and five cent pieces, a legal tender to the amount of twenty five cents.

I enclose a minor coinage circular for your further information.

Very Respectfully
Ja. Powell
Supt

W. A. Linn, Esq
New York

Dec 22 7

Sir.

I herewith forward statements of Gold and Silver Workings in the Coiners department of this Mint, for the month of November, 1877.

The Coiner informs me that his supply of blanks for these statements is nearly exhausted. I will thank you for a further supply, in time for December statements.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Dec 24 7

Sir:

You have been appointed a Laborer in the general department of the Mint, at $2,00 per diem, to take effect January 1. 1878. to continue until April 1. 1878.

You will please take the endorsed oath of office, and bring it with you when you report for duty.

Mr. F. A. Jeanes. }
Philada }

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock

Dec 24 7

Sir

Your letter of the 22d inst, has been received.

There have been no pattern pieces struck this year except a few experimental silver dollars for the inspection of the authorities at Washington. None for sale.

Very Respectfully

John Tibby Esq
Pittsburg
Pa.

(Telegram) U. S. Mint.
Dec 24. 1877

Chas. Doherty.
Memphis. Tenn.

Your package was forwarded to day by Express.

Jas Pollock
Supt

Dec 26 7

Sir:

Your note of the 20th inst, has been received.

You have been misinformed. The Mint does not furnish Trade Dollars at $95. per $100, or any other price; but I understand you can buy them of Brokers at par for currency. All the Mint does in the matter is to coin Trade Dollars for depositors of silver bullion who may need them for the China and East India trade, for which they were intended.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

H. D. Squire. Esq

Prospect

N.Y.

Dec 26 7

Sir

I am authorized by the Director of the Mint, to send you one of each of each of the new pattern silver dollars, upon the receipt from you of two dollars in currency in payment for the same. In remitting please inform me how I shall forward them by mail or express.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Thos. G. Acton, Esq
Supt. U.S. Assay Office
New York.

Decemr 26

Messrs Davis & Jennings — Gentn

As we sell our own sweeps, we of course do not receive them from outside. You are ~~of course~~ acquainted with the usual mode of fluxing and concentrating, so that nothing need be said about that; but you must know that it is the best plan to sell to the smelters, who make it a business. There is competition enough to give you a fair return.

Respectfully yours
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Dec 26 7

Gentlemen.

Your proposal under date of the 20th inst. to supply the Mint for the six months ending June 30, 1878, with the best Lehigh egg coal from the Harleigh, Hazleton, Honey Brook or Council Ridge mines, 2240 pounds to the ton, delivered, full weight free of expense, at such times and in such quantities as may be required, has been accepted. Please call on me tomorrow or next day between 11 A.M. and 2 P.M. to execute a contract.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Messrs.

Branson & Colter.

1118 Washington Av.

Phil..

Decr 26 7

Sir

The piece you sent is good; or was, before it was badly cut and hacked.

As you request, I re-enclose the same, but we have no stamp to put on such pieces.

Respy yours

Jas Pollock

Supdt.

Mr David Ehrlicker
Watertown
N.Y.

Decr 27 7

Sir

Your package of minerals came without any letter, & could not be answered. They are ores of lead and iron, and are of no value.

Yours &c

Jas. Pollock
Supdt.

Mr. Adam Coffman
Berkeley Springs
Morgan Co
W. Va

Decr 27 /

Dear Sir

The half-dollar you send (Carson Mint) is good, but has a flaw which prevents the ring, and therefore unfit to pass. I send a better piece.

Respy
Jas Pollock
Supt.

M. Beecher Esq
Cashier &c
Warren Pa

Dec 27   7

Sir:

In settling my accounts of the monthly expenditures of the Mint, the authorities at Washington request me hereafter to furnish a voucher from your company for the amount paid for telegrams (received or sent) during the month. I am at a loss to know how this can be done unless you will open an account with the Mint, and send in your bill, in duplicate, receipted, on the first of each month, for the preceding month. The bill will of course be paid on presentation, as I am always in funds for such purposes.

If this arrangement, beginning

with the month of January, proximo, will be satisfactory to you, please advise me of that fact in reply. This to include all the Branch offices in this City.

Very Respectfully
Jos. [illegible]
Supt

Wm Carley Esq. Cashier.
Western Union Telegraph Co.
Philadelphia.

Dec 28

Sir.

Your letter of the 26th i
has been received.

I cannot furnish the s,
cimen silver dollars you call o
A very few were struck by a
tion of the Treasury Departme
for the inspection of the autho
ities at Washington, but none
for general distribution. The
$5. enclosed in your letter i
herewith returned.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
John Ric.
Detroit
Mich

Dec 28 7

Sir:

I herewith forward my requisition for stationery and other articles for the six months ending June 30. 1878. I also forward a list of the supplies on hand.

Very Respectfully

Jas Collins

Hon.
John Sherman.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Dec 28 7

Sir,

I herewith enclose a letter for the Secretary of the Treasury transmitting my requisition for stationery &c for the six months ending June 30. 1878; and a list of the supplies on hand, which I will thank you to have forwarded to their destination.

I have heretofore advised you, and it is due to the service to remark here, that my requisitions are not filled as made, and that very inferior articles are sometimes sent me.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pocock

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Decemr 28

Mr Benjamin Larned,

Sir

The mineral sent by you has been assayed, and contains no gold, nor silver.

Mint Charge, $5.00, paid.

Yours respy

Jas Pollock

Supt.

Conway.

Ark

Telegram

Dec 28th

Treasurer U.S. Washington D.C.

By error of Express Co. four thousand sent to Augusta Georgia. One thousand returned to Express Co. Brenham, Texas, short one thousand by same error. Since shipped by Express Co. and error corrected. No error in Mint deliveries.

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Dec. 28th

Gentlemen.

I enclose herewith statement of Sweeps for Sale for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in full weight Double Eagles, or Gold Notes, and Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint. Please make offer for the lot without reference to weight, and forward same prior to Jany 7th 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Howard & Mohle
No. 1 John St.
New York.

Sweeps Statement

No. G.	Kind	Weight	Gold Std. Wt.	Silver Std. Wt.
81 to 90	M W & R	11098	5976	24806
91 to 100	"	11653	8240	55945
101 to 106	"	2579	7522	14859
107 to 116	"	3635	13253	18936
117 to 126	"	11029	14269	23171
127 to 136	"	3856	10585	20086
137 to 152	"	6201	17440	35763
153 to 162	"	11066	16094	22109
163 to 172	"	4237	2207	16642
131 to 136	Sweeps	2972	7740	13624
			oz.	oz.
		Lbs 110326	103586	245941

Dec 28th 7

Gentlemen:

I enclose statement of Sweeps for Sale for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, or Gold Notes, and Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint. Please make offer for the lot without reference to weight; and forward same prior to Jany 7th 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas. C. Maf
Supt

C. S. Dennis & Sons
Newark
N. J.

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Dec 28th

[illegible] Statement

[illegible] Statement

No. [illegible] Weight [illegible]

81 to [illegible] 4098 [illegible] 5996 [illegible]

91 to 100 [illegible] 4033 [illegible]

101 to 106 [illegible] 522 [illegible]

107 to [illegible] 3694 [illegible] 3533 [illegible]

117 to 126 [illegible] 4629 [illegible]

127 to 136 [illegible] 3858 [illegible]

137 to 152 [illegible] 63

153 to 162 4066 [illegible]

163 to 172 4237 [illegible]

131 to 136 [illegible] 7740 [illegible]

10358 2180

[illegible]

N. J.

Dec. 28th 7

Gentlemen

I enclose statement of Sweeps for Sale for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, or Gold Notes, and Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint. Please make your offer for the lot *without reference* to the weight, and forward the same on or before Jany 7th 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

E. Balbach & Son
Newark
N.J.

Dec 28th

Gentlemen

Scrip Statement

Nos.	Kind	Weight	Gold Std. Wt.	Silver Std. Wt.
81 to 90	[illegible]	11098	866	24806
91 to 100	"	11653	8240	55945
101 to 106	"	2559	7522	11859
107 to 116	"	3635	13253	18936
117 to 126	"	11029	14269	23171
127 to 136	"	3850	10345	20086
137 to 152	"	6201	[illegible]146	38763
153 to 162	"	11066	16094	22189
163 to 172	"	11237	[illegible]	16642
131 to 136	Supts	2972	770	[illegible]
	Lbs	11032.6	10338	

C. Batchelor Jr.

Newark

N.J.

Dec 28th 7

Gentlemen

I enclose Statement of Sweeps for Sale for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, or Gold Notes, and Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint. Bid must be in on or before Jany 7th 1878, and you will oblige by stating how much you will offer for the *lot* without reference to weight.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt.

R. Longman's Sons.

New York

Dec 28th

Gentlemen

Sweeps Statement

No.s	Kind	Weight	Gold Std. ozs.	Silver Std. ozs.
81 to 90	M & R	4498	[illegible]	738.06
91 to 100		[illegible]	[illegible]	559.45
101 to 106		[illegible]	[illegible]	148.59
107 to 116		3645	1362.58	189.36
117 to 126	Bar	1029	[illegible]269	231.71
127 to 136	[illegible]	7886	[illegible]	[illegible]00.86
137 to 152		[illegible]	[illegible]	387.63
153 to 162		[illegible]	16.04	[illegible].09
163 to 172		[illegible]	[illegible]	166.42
127 to 136	Dup'ts	[illegible]72	[illegible]	[illegible]36.04
	Lbs.	[illegible]6.326		

Supt.

Longman [illegible]

New York

Dec 28th

Gentlemen

I enclose statement of Sweeps for Sale for which a sealed bid is requested. Payment to be made in fine weight Double Eagles, or Gold Notes, and Sweeps to be delivered at the Depository. Please make offer for the lot without reference to weight, and forward same prior to Jany 7th 1878.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

A. W. Spear & Co.
120 Fulton St.
New York

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

of [illegible]	Weight	Stand Wt.	Stand Wt.
80 to 90 [illegible]	[illegible]	5 96	218 06
90 to [illegible]	[illegible]	8 240	159 45
101 to [illegible]	25 [illegible]	[illegible]	148 59
102 to [illegible]	13035	3 25	189 36
[illegible] to [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
127 to 136	[illegible] 1085[illegible]	10 85	200 8
[illegible] to 150	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] to 162	[illegible]	16 094	221
163 to [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	166 12
131 to 135 Supts.	297[illegible]	[illegible]	126 04
	Lbs 10.386	10386	[illegible]

A. R. [illegible] & Co

120 Fulton St.

New York

Dec. 28th

Sir.

I enclose Statement of Sweeps for Sale for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in full weight Double Eagles, or Gold Notes, and Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint. Please make your offer for the lot without reference to the weight, and forward same on or before Jany 7th 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Dr. Jos. H. Shimmer
Montgomery Hotel
6th & Willow St.
Phila

Errors Statement

No s.	Kind	Weight	Gold Std. Wt.	Silver Std. Wt.
81 to 90	M & L	4.098	5976	24806
91 to 100	"	4655	8240	55945
101 to 106	"	2559	7522	14859
107 to 116	"	3635	13253	18936
117 to 126	"	4029.	14269	23171
127 to 136	"	3856	10845	20086
137 to 152	"	6.201	17440	38763
153 to 162	"	4.066	16094	22109
163 to 172	"	4237	2207	16642
131 to 136	Dupts	2972	7740	13622
	Lbs.	40.326	103856	24894

23 December 7

Dear Sir

Your letter with a piece of gold dust was received. The rule of the Mint is not to receive a less amount than One Hundred dollars in [illegible]. The [illegible] [illegible] so small amount pains. This was taken merely as an accommodation to you. The weight was [illegible] of an ounce the fineness 700/1000 and the value $3.50 which I enclose.

Very Respectfully

D. D. [illegible] Esq.
East Newton Pa

Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

The Mint of the United States
at

Philadelphia 28th December 1877

Dear Sir

Your letter with a piece of gold was received. The rule of the Mint is not to receive a less amount than One Hundred dollars in Coin, we will positively decline so small amount again, This was taken merly as an accomonodation to you The weight was 1/4 of an ounce the fineness 700/1000 and the value $3.50 I enclose

Very Respectfully
Ja. Pollock
Supt.

D. D. Andy Esq
West Newton Pa

Dec 29. 7

Sir:

Yours of the 26th inst. has been received.

We have in our collection fine specimens of the half dollars of the years 1829 and 1839, and therefore do not wish to purchase yours.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

J. R. Hunter Esq
Clinton
Wis

Dec 29 1877

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending December 29. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Dec 29 . 7

Sir

Your letter of the 22d inst, enclosing communication from Messrs, Hummel & Meng, presenting bill for 32 American Porcelain Pots, has been received.

Having never ordered the pots; and learning from a conversation with yourself and the Melter and Refiner, that Mr. Richard C. Remney desired the Melter & Refiner to test some of the porcelain pots made by him, I referred your letter to the Melter & Refiner, whose explanation of the circumstances under which these pots were received by him, is herewith enclosed.

We know nothing of Hummel & Meng in this matter — never ordered a pot from them or knew that they were directly or indirectly connected with Mr. Renney.

Under the circumstances, a bill for the pots at such exorbitant rates, should not have been presented by any one. The price is, not only too high, but it would be a fraud upon the Government to pay the amount demanded. The Melter and Refiner and yourself are much nearer a fair price; and as many of the pots were unfitted for use here, a reduction on the price of such pots would not only be proper, but in my opinion all such should be returned, they hav been received only for testing

I feel anxious to encourage Mr. Remney in every fair and honorable way, but he should avoid "entangling alliances" and not permit others to do that which in the end may injure his reputation as a business man.

If these pots are purchased, the bill should and must be made out in the name of Remney as we know no other party in this transaction.

In this I fully approve your suggestion, Let Mr. Remney be encouraged, but in his own nam and on his own merits. You will I think agree with me in thi

If under all the facts in the case you should think the pots listed should be purchased at the prices named by the Mell

& Refiner, I will so direct, and make payment accordingly. Paying not more than $75. for first class, and $60. for second class pots, and these prices are full.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 31 7

Sir

The undersigned in accordance with Section 63 of the Coinage Act of 1873, and the Directors circular of February 28. 1874. do hereby certify that we have inspected and caused to be regulated all the Troy weights ordinarily employed in the transactions of this Mint, according to the legal standard weights, corresponding to the standard Troy pound of the Mint of the United States, and do report that the said Troy weights in ordinary use correspond to the said legal standard weights and the requisite subdivisions and multiples thereof. Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman. Jas Pollock Supt

Director of the Mint W. E. DuBois Assayer

Dec 31. 7

Sir.

I herewith forward return of Furniture and Fixtures in this Mint, for the six months ending December 31. 1877.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon.
John Sherman.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C.

Dec 31 7

Sir.

I herewith forward my requisition of this date for the sum of $39.000 for the services of this Mint during the month of January 1878 out of the following current appropriations.

Salaries	$8.000
Wages	25.000
Incidentals	6.000

Very Respectfully

Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 31 7

Sir.

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury, in my favor as Superintendent of this Mint, for the sum of Five Hundred (500) Dollars, in gold coin, to meet the expenses of the Refinery during the month of January, 1878.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Sup.

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Dec 31 7

The following report of the assay of test coins, issued by this Mint during December 1877, by the Assayer of the N. Y. Assay Office, has been handed to the Coiner, Assayer, and Melter & Refiner.

Denomination.	Weight.	Fineness	
	Grs. Dec.	Gold.	Silver.
Double Eagle.	516.0	899.7.	6
Half Dollar	192.0	Trace	899.
Quarter do	96.3	"	900.9
Dime	38.5	"	899.

James Pollock
Supt
per W. O. L.

Dec 31. 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 29th inst. has been received.

I cannot furnish you with the specimen silver dollar you call for. A very few were struck by direction of the Treasury Department for the inspection of the authorities at Washington, but none for general distribution.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Mr.

Geo. P. Ernewiler.

Richmond

Ind.

Dec 31 7

Sir.

Your requisition of the 21st inst, for 112 Humid assay bottles, was duly received.

They will be made, numbered, and lettered, and forwarded to you by Freight Line in about ten days from this date.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

James Crawford, Esq
Supt U. S. Mint.
Carson
Nev

U. S. Mint. Philadelphia Dec 31 7

F. A. Engelke Esq.
Brenham. Texas

The one thousand that was shipped the 27th Instn care of Express Company.

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Dec 31 7

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result

Gold.	$1,153,021.39
Silver.	823,798.50
Refining & Parting a/c.	35.18
Ordinary a/c regular.	6,476.74
Minor Coinage.	51,999.34
" Coins Exchanged.	4,817.54
" " Reissued.	38,938.00
" Coinage Redemption.	255,835.72
	$2,334,917.44

which corresponds with his b. ks.

I also made examination into the general condition and operations of the Mint, and the institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
Jas [illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 31 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward,

1. Coiners Yearly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for Calender year 1877.

2. Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed, for month ending December 31. 1877.

Very Respectfu

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 2 8

Sir.

Yours of the 31st ulto has been received.

I cannot furnish you with the pattern pieces called for in your letter.

A very few specimen silver dollars were struck by direction of the Treasury Department for the inspection of the authorities at Washington, but none for general distribution.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Jeremiah Colburn. Esq.
18 Somerset St
Boston. Mass.

Jany 2 8

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward official oaths of Miss. Lizzie A. Bender, Adjuster, Coiners Department, and Park A. Jeanes, Laborer, General Department, This Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Jany 2 8

Sir:

In reply to your postal card of the 31st ult, I have to say that there is no premium on cents of 1857. They are worth only one cent.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr.
Freeman Hurff.
Swedesboro
N. J.

Jany 2 8

Sir:

Upon the nomination of the Coiner, herewith forwarded, I have appointed Geo. A. Ludlow, as an Annealer in the Coiners Department of this Mint, at $3. per diem, to take effect upon confirmation, and submit the same for approval, under the 4th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Mr Ludlow is a gentleman of character and excellent business habits, and was an officer of merit in the Union Army, severely wounded on several occasions, and his appointment is specially urged by Hon. John J. Mitchell, M.

from the 8th District, an additional annealer is needed, I ask his confirmation.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 8

Sir:

In reply to your printed card of the 28th ult, I have to say, that the roof of this Mint was coated by Munro & Spear with the "Elastic Roofing Paint" and has answered better than anything of [illegible] used, having stood for six years, and remains good.

Whether this is the same to which you refer, I am [illegible]

Very Respectfully

Ed. G. Archer. Esq.

Augusta

Geo.

Jany 3 8

Sir:

In reply to your inquiries of the 2d inst, I have the honor to state that it appears from the records of the Coiners Office that last delivery of silver dollars 412½ grains was made on the 2[illegible] of March 1873. The last dep of silver bullion for return in these dollars was received on the 19th of March, 1873. from the [illegible] Office.

Very Resp[illegible]

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington

Jany 3   8

Sir.

I have the honor to report that the following dies were used in the coinage of 1877, viz.

Gold

Denomination.	Obverse	Reverse
Double Eagle.	11	17
Eagle.	2	1
Half Eagle.	1	2
Quarter do	1	2
Three Dollar.	2	1
One Dollar.	3	2
Total.	20	2[illegible]

Silver

Trade Dollar.	30.	31
Half do.	74	69
Quarter do.	80	81

Dime	46	47
20 Cent	2	1
Total.	232	218

Minor Coinage.

Five Cent.	1	5
Three Cent	1	4
One Cent.	3	6
Total.	5	16

Recapitulation.	Gold.	Silver.	Minor.	Total.
Obverse	20	232	5	257
Reverse	26	218	16	259
Total.	46	450	21	516

This number agrees with the number reported by the Engraver as delivered to the Coiner during the year 1877.

All of these dies have been defaced and destroyed by the Coiner, by the use of the forge and sledge in the presence of the Superintendent and Assayer, in accordance with the provisions of the 51st Section of the Coinage Act of 1873, with the exception of the following reverse dies which were re-delivered to the Coiner for use during the year 1878, viz.

Quarter Dollar	2
Dime	8
5 cent Nickel	5
3 " "	3
1 " Bronze	2
Total.	20

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

January 3 8

Sir,

We do not examine copper ores at the Mint, except by the eye, which costs nothing. Analysts will give you the percentage, at a charge of eight dollars; and I will name Messrs. Booth & Garrett, Chest St. Philada. — or Prof. Genth, University of Penna., Philada. A fair sample can be sent by mail.

A rich copper ore generally shows for itself; and your best test would be to smelt a ton or more of the ore, on the spot, see what you get out, & what it costs. A copper ore must be very rich, to compete with the vast beds of metallic copper lying near Lake Superior.

Resp'y yours

Supt.

Mr Wm Klein
Eastabaga
Talladega Co

3 Jan. 8

Mr Charles Lennig
112 South Front St.

Dear Sir,

If you are willing to supply the following articles, agreeably to my request for proposals, at the prices named, & the Nitric acid to be Parting acid of usual purity, — I propose to award the Supplying to you; as follows:

Nitric acid	35° B.	6¢ pr. lb.	Aqua fortis	36° B.	5½¢ pr. lb.
"	37 B.	6⅝¢ "	"	40° B.	7¢ "
"	40 B.	7¾¢ "	Muriatic acid	21° B.	1½¢ "
Oil of vitriol	66° B.	1⅝¢ "			

Respectfully yours

Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Jany 8

Sir

Your instructions of the 31st of December ultimo, based on a request, under date of Dec 27th, from Hon. Alexander H. Stephens, Chairman of the Committee on Coinage of the House of Representatives, to have a pair of dies prepared from which to strike specimen dollars to illustrate the proposed "goloid" coin were duly received, and have been communicated to our Engraver who will set to work immediately to prepare the dies, with the inscriptions and designs suggested but he cannot promise to have them ready under three weeks from this date. When completed ten specimens of the required weight and composition, will be struck and forwarded to you, as requested, together with a bill for the value of the metal contained in them.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 3 8

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward,

1. Statement of Minor Coins Redeemed, Reissued and Exchanged during month ending December 31. 1877

2. For the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Minor Coinage Operations during the same month.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 3 8

Sir.

I am entirely out of blanks for the "Oath of Office". Please send me a further supply.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Sup

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

January 3d 8

Sir:

I hand you herewith my a/c of Refining Expenses for the month of December 1877.

Very Respectfully
Jas. C. Powell
Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

Jany 3

Sir

I herewith forward for the Treasurer U. S. C/D. of this date, No 1406, in my name, for the sum of $2,000. as a transfer of funds on account of subsidiary silver coin, and will thank you to cause it to be forwarded to its proper destination.

Very Respectfully,
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 4/78

Gentlemen,

Yours of the 31st ult. received.

I regret that circumstances prevented me complying with your wishes with regard to the appointment [illegible] Holmes to a position in the [illegible] when you were here. I had received instructions from Washington [illegible] no more appointments at [illegible] that unless our business [illegible] a reduction in our force would be necessary. I will however [illegible] Mr. Holmes name on my [illegible] if you so desire, for such [illegible] action as circumstances may [illegible]

Very Respectfully [illegible]

Messrs. J. H. Jacobs.
J. H. Boone.
Reading, Pa.

Jany. 4th. 8

Sir:

I enclose statement of Silver Bullion Purchases from Novr. 30th to Decr 31st 1877.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

of Bullion [illegible]

$3,556.72

for Subsidiary [illegible]

Gold Coin [illegible]

Silver [illegible]

Total [illegible] 556,150.0[illegible]

I am also in [illegible] 275,2[illegible]
received from [illegible] No. [illegible] at
the close of business on [illegible]
and payable in 278,29[illegible]
standard ounces of Silver Bullion

Jany 4th 8

Sir

The amount of the Bullion Fund of the Mint at the close of business Dec. 31st 1877 was $3.556.750.60, estimated to be subdivided as follows, viz-

Gold Coin	$1.148.778.76
Gold Bullion	902.681.87
Silver Coin	466.289.97
Silver Bullion	1.039.000.
Total as above	$3.556.750.60

I am also in receipt of $295.552.89 received from Assay Office N.Y. after the close of business on the 31st ulto, payable in 278.298 40/00 standard ounces of Silver Bullion

Bullion, which sum will increase our Silver ~~Bullion~~ Fund
to about $. 300.000.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Jany 4 8

Sir:

Permission is granted to change the location of the cutting Presses in the Rolling Room, specified in your communication to me of the 3d inst.

The Machinists have been instructed to make the proposed changes, under your direction.

Yours Respectfully
Jas. Cowel
Supt

O. C. Roebyshell Esq
Coiner

Jany 4 8

Sir

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 3d inst, with regard to the Hayes Presidential medal. I have the honor to state in reply that the electrotype will go on the reducing machine on Monday next, and the engraving be prosecuted to completion as rapidly as may be consistent with good workmanship. It will take two weeks to do it properly.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington.

Jany 4 8

Sir.

In the letter of Hon. Alexander H. Stephens, Chairman, to you of Dec 27. ult. he requires the inscription on the proposed "goloid" dollar to be as follows.

"Goloid. one dollar, 1 G. 24 S. .9 fine, 258 grains."

Your letter of Dec 31. fixes the same weight but directs that the piece shall be composed of "36 par gold, 864 silver, and 100 copper," but does not say that these figures shall be stamped on the coin. To relieve the uncertainty on this point, will you please state definitely which inscription shall be used.

I enclose for your information a communication to me on the subject from our Assayer, Mr. DuBois, with whom the Engraver has been in consultation.

The diameter of the dies has been fixed at 2/20ths of an inch.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 5 8

Sir

Yours of the 4th inst, has been received.

There are no "goloid" coins issued by the Mint, and cannot be unless authorized by an Act of Congress. We expect in a few weeks to have a specimen prepared for the inspection of the House Committee on Coinage, but not for other parties.

Yours Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

J. L. Lyte, Esq
Lancaster
Pa

January 5th 8

Sir;

I hand you herewith my a/c of "Ordinary Expenses" for the month of December 1877

Very Respectfully
J. A. Bread
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Jany 5 8

Sir,

Yours of the 3d inst is received.

The U. S. cents of 1857 to 1860 are worth only their face value. Very fine specimens would probably bring a small advance among coin dealers and collectors.

Yours Respectfully
Ja. Pollock
Supt

Mr
Jno D. Reynolds.
Reynoldsville
Pa

Jany 5 8

Sir.

Since writing you yesterday with regard to the proper inscription to be placed upon the "goloid" dollar I have received the enclosed supplemental note from Assayer DuBois, which I forward for your information.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 5 8

Dear Sir

We have the silver & copper coins of the Portuguese settlements in Western Africa. They are rare & curious, but we can give no idea as to what they would bring.

Very respy

Asst.

Rev. C. A. Stillman
Tuskaloosa
Ala.

Jany 5 8

Sir,

No minerals have been received here, corresponding to your description.

We occasionally make assays of ores, for gold and silver; no other metals. The charge is five dollars. Half a pound, fair specimen, is enough, & more than we operate upon.

Respy yours

Jas Pollock
Supt.

A.W. Bell Esq. Platteville, Wis

Jany 5th 8

Sir:

Your offer to supply this Mint with acids during the calender year 1878, has been accepted at the prices specified in your proposal of December 19. 1877, and subsequent correspondence.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
Chas Lennig
112 So Front St
Phila.

Jany 5 8

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 17th ult., the Assayer estimates the cost of a complete humid assay apparatus, for the U.S. Office at ~~Montana~~, Helena, Montana, at two hundred and ten dollars. $210.– This does not include freight.

If there are not more than two or three silver assays a day, the agitator and flagon would be superfluous. These would cost $172. Without them, the outfit would be about 38 or 40 dollars.

Very respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon H.R. Linderman

Director &c &c

Jany 5 8

Sir:

I herewith enclose C/D. of this date. No. 4079, in my name, for $264, coin, on account of Parting, Refining and Bar charges.

I will thank you to transmit it to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Crawford

Supt.

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Jany 5 '8

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending January 5. 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 5 8

Sir

The Assayer reports, that the mineral sample ~~sent~~ from W. Virginia, sent by you Dec 17th, contains no gold or silver, and is of no value.

Very respy

Ja. Pollock
Supt.

Hon: H. R. Linderman
Director &c &c.

Jany 7th 8

Gentlemen

Your offer of $9.90 (nine 90) per hundred pounds for the Mint Sweeps is accepted. Please oblige by remitting for and removing same soon.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Messrs. Longman & Sons
New York

Note - 9 90 an error
see Longmans letter on file,
and telegrams

Jany 17th 8

Gentlemen

Your offer for the scrap is respectfully declined with thanks.

Very Truly Yours

Jas Boyd

Supt.

Messrs. A. H. Spear & Co
121 Fulton St
New York

(The above bid was reconsidered in consequence of an erroneous offer by R Longmans Sons - see ~~Correspondence, and~~ telegrams, page 144 - ~~and~~ Letter Book - and on file -

Jany 7th 58

Gentlemen

Your offer for the Supplies is declined with thanks.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

W. C. & S. H. Daniels & Co

[illegible] New York

N. Y.

Jany 7th 8

Sir.

Your offer for the Sweeps is declined with thanks.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Rush
Supt

Dr. J. W. Farnum
Montgomery Hotel
6th St & Sitton St
Phila

Jany 7th 8

Gentlemen.

Your offer for the Surplus is declined with thanks, the same being about $1.000. under the accepted bid.

Very Respectfully
Jas Freud
Sup't

Messrs Stevens & Möhle
No 1. John St.
New York.

Jany 7th 8

Gentlemen.

Your offer for the Sweeps is declined with thanks.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

E. I. Walbach & Son
Newark
N. J.

Jany 7 8

Sir

You will please cause to be prepared without delay, an ingot of the size of the double eagle ingot containing gold 36 .. silver 864 and copper 100 parts.

The cost will be reimbursed by the Director.

Please deliver the ingot when ready, to the Owner.

Prof.
J. C. Booth.
M. R.

Very Respectfully
Geo. N. Eckert
Dir.

Jany 7   8

Sir.

Our Cashier, Mr. Cobb, reports that the orders for cents now exceed the sum of $4,000. and there remain in the Redemption Fund only four or five hundred dollars in that coin, for reissue.

The redemption of cents is slower now than ever, and the prospect for depositors not encouraging for early remittance. It will therefore be necessary either to coin more cents, or get them by transfer from the Treasury. Please give this your early attention, and advise me what is best to be done. Very Respectfy

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Jas Pollock
Supt

Jany 7 8

Sir,

Enclosed herewith I forward, Report of Assay Books and Deliveries at this Mint, for the Quarter ending December 1877.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 17 8

Sir.

You will please cut from the "Bolivia" ingot to be furnished by the Melter & Refiner, as many planchets as the ingot will supply to make specimen dollars of the proposed "Bolivia" coinage, 26/20ths of an inch in diameter, and weigh 258 grains. The object of this notice is to have the planchets ready for stamping as soon as the Engraver has completed the experimental dies. You will be careful to keep these planchets separate from all others, and make a separate return of the [illegible] to the Melter & Refiner.

Very [illegible]

Mr. O. C. Bosbyshell.
Coiner.

Jany 8th 8

Sir:

Yours of the 7th inst. is received.

The cause of the delay in sending the cents you ordered Dec 21. 1877. is that we are out of that coin, have ceased coining them for the present, and are awaiting a transfer of cents from the Treasury U.S. which when received your order will be filled.

If you wish 5¢ or 3¢ nickels we can supply you at once.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mr. E. Kanouse, Cas.
Newark
N.J.

Jany 8 8

Sir:

Please forward me a dozen copies of this years circular giving the value of foreign coins. I have frequent use for them.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

(Telegram) Jany 8. 1878

R. Longmans Sons
31 Johns St. New York.

No error here - Your bid reads plainly Nine dollars, ninety one hundredths per one hundred pounds. Do you wish to make another bid. answer by telegraph

Jas. Pollock
Supt Mint

See pages $\left\{\begin{matrix}132\\+\\133\end{matrix}\right.$

Jany 8 8

Sir

Since the payment of Mr. George Morgan's bill for services as Special Engraver, for the month of December, 1877, it has been discovered that the "duplicate" does not bear your approval with directions to pay it. I therefore return it to you to supply the omission. The "original" was all right.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Jany 8th 8

R. Longman's Sons
31 John St. New [illegible]

Bid of Six Dollars, Ninety Cents
not accepted.

Jas Pouch
Supt

Jany 8th 8

Gentlemen

Your Offer of Three thousand One hundred and fifty two (3152) dollars, Gold Coin, for the Sheep for sale, is accepted. Please remit the amount in full weight Double Eagles, and remove the Sheep at the earliest time possible.

Very Respectfully
Jas. R. [illegible]
Secy

Messrs. A.W. Spear & Co.
121 Fulton St.
New York

P.S. Your bid has been reconsidered.

Jany 8 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst has been received

I cannot tell what your silver would be worth until it has been melted and assayed in the Mint. We are governed by the results as thus ascertained, and not otherwise.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mr.
R. Fulton.
Washington
D.C.

Jany 8 8

Sir.

The required experiments with old dies to see if they could be ground down and the steel used for new dies, were faithfully and deliberately made soon after the receipt of your letter of October 15. ultimo, and in several conferences upon the subject, the conclusion was reached without dissent, that it would not be either practicable or economical to attempt to utilize the old dies in this way.

Upon the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst, I was of the confident impression that the result of these experiments and certa discussions, had been duly communicated to you in writing, as requested, but find upon examination that they had become confounded with verbal discussions I have had with yourself on other subjects, and in this way there was an inadvertant omission to make it a matter of record.

I now forward a report in writing from the Engraver, and also one from Mr. Downing foreman of the Coining Room. You will learn from the Engravers note that since his use latterly, of steel manufactured in this City instead of that imported from Sheffield, the consumption of steel has been materially reduced, and the dies are more satisfactory to all the Mints.

I am decidedly of opinion that there is nothing to be gained by using the old dies to make new ones.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 8

Sir.

The box of assay coins from your Mint for the fourth quarter of 1877, has been received

Very Respectfully

Supt

O. H. La Grange Esq

Supt. U. S. Mint

San. Francisco

Cal

Jany 9 [illegible]

Sir:

I have this morning received an unsigned letter of the 7th inst supposed to be from you, [illegible] written on one of your letter [illegible] enclosing bill in your name and not receipted, for [illegible]. Before any action can be taken it [illegible] be necessary that I should have a personal interview with you. You will please call at the [illegible] for that purpose, at your earliest convenience. About 11 o'clock A. M. would be the best time.

Very Respectfully Yours

Mr.
Richard C. Remney.
2357 Frankford Av
Phila

Jany 9th 8

Gentlemen.

Your favor of the 8th recd. The accepted bid for the Sweeps was nine 90/100 dollars per hundred pounds, but the party offering it discovered they had made an error (on my announcement of its acceptance) and telegraphed me to that effect yesterday morning. They state that they intended to offer $6.90 per hundred pounds, and I admitted of the correction, but the Sweeps are secured by the next highest bidder who give $100 - more than you. This will explain why you were $1000. too low.

Very Respy Yours
J. W. Elliot
Supt

Messrs. Howard & Mohle
New York

Jany 9 8

Sir.

The Nine (9) three (3) cent "silver" pieces enclosed in your letter of the 7th inst, have been carefully examined by our Assayer, who is an expert in these matters, and all of them pronounced by him to be counterfeit, as you will see by the enclosed report which I forward for your information. I would suggest that some of these pieces be assayed at the New York Assay office to determine their exact composition. They appear to be merely german silver. The pieces are herewith returned.

Very Respectfully

G. A. Colwell

Thos Hillhouse, Esq
Asst Treas U. S. New York.

Jan. 9 8

Jacob Wirth Esq
Boston Mass.

Sir.

The quarter dollar received from you to day is a good piece. It is deficient in "ring", owing to a split in the metal — an accident which occasionally happens in rolling the ingot.

I enclose a perfect piece in return. It is of the San Francisco Coinage

Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent.

(Telegram)

January 10. 1878

W. E. Truslow,
President State Bank.
Charleston. West Va.

Count dimes in bag marked "Fifty." amount all right.

Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint.

Jany 10 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 9th inst, has been received.

The Mint only receives silver Bullion to be made into fine bars. Any friend you may select can deposit for you.

The coinage of Trade Dollars has been suspended by the Secretary of the Treasury; and halves, quarters and dimes are coined for the U. S. Government only, and not for private depositors.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Messrs.
Grant & Ault.
29 So 3d St Phila.

Jany 10 8

Sir,

Your letter of the 8th inst., has been received.

The Mint only receives silver bullion to be made into fine bars.

The coinage of Trade Dollars has been suspended by the Secretary of the Treasury; and halves, quarters and dimes are coined for the U. S. Government only, and not for private depositors.

Any friend you may select can deposit for you, or you can deposit through the Adams Express Company.

Very Respectfully

Mr. Alfred S. Robinson, Cas.
Hartford Ct.

Supt

Jany 10 8

Sir,

Your letter of the 8th inst, has been received.

Most of the information you call for you will find in the annual reports of the Director of the Mint, from 1873 to 1877, inclusive, which you can probably procure by writing to the Director of the Mint at Washington. D.C.

The Mints are operated under the Coinage Act of 1873. Feby 12. which you will find in the U.S. Statutes at Large, in public libraries, or lawyers offices.

The Trade Dollar is not a legal tender, and is intended only for the China and East India trade

It has no gold value, except the market value, from day to day, of silver bullion, per the London quotations.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Starkes Whiton. Esq
Hingham Centre
Mass.

Jany 10 8

Sir.

Mr. Geo. C. Thompson, Mint Agent of the Adams Express Company has shown me a copy of a dispatch to you from W. E. Trunslow, President of the State Bank of West Virginia, at Charleston, West Va. alleging shortage in a shipment of subsidiary silver coin to that Bank, on the 2d of January inst.

There is no shortage. $\$197^{00}$ in dimes was put in a bag intended for nickels which was stencil marked $50. I have telegraphed Mr Trunslow to count the dimes in that bag and he would find it all right.

We put the different denominations in separate bags, and all the bags into a larger bag, to which latter we affix a tag on which is marked the total amount of the enclosed shipment.

In this instance the bag marked $50. was used because there did not happen to be a plain one at hand.

The package weighed right when it left the Mint, and weighed right when it left the general office of the Express Co. No error there.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
Jas. Gilfillan
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

Jany 10 8.

Sir.

The Cashier informs me that we are entirely out of money for Contingent Expenses, and we are obliged to suspend payment of bills in consequence.

As the draft for this month has not come to hand, I write to enquire how soon I can conveniently be placed in funds.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 10 8

Gentlemen,

Your note of this date just at hand:

The coinage of Trade Dollars has been suspended - [illegible] the Secretary of the Treasur[illegible] and Halves Quarters and Dimes a[illegible]nly coined for the U. S. Government and not for private depositors. If you deposit Silver Bullion, I can only give you fine bars in return, in about three days after the date of the deposit.

Yours very Truly

Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
Drexel & Co.
Philadelphia.

Jany 11 8

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward.

1. Statement of Gold and Silver of Domestic production deposited during the month of December 1877.

2. Statement of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion deposited during the month of December 1877.

Also, Bars manufactured during the same month.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Jany 11

Sir.

I am authorized by the Director to have Bronze one cent pieces coined to the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars, $10,000 to enable me to promptly fill orders for that denomination of coin.

You will therefore please have ingots prepared accordingly and delivered to the Coiner at your early convenience.

Very Respy

Jas. C. Booth, Esq
Melter & Refiner.

Jany 11 8

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 7th inst. I herewith forward C/D No. 1811. for $36.73 coin, the bullion value of $42.87 in mutilated silver 3¢ pieces, itemized, as requested, in the enclosed Mint Memorandum No. 9.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
Jas. Gilfillan.
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D.C.

Jany 11 8

Sir

I am in receipt this morning of your letter of the 10th inst, with regard to porcelain pots for this Mint, and the Mint at San Francisco.

There was no misapprehension on my part with regard to the payment of the pots for the latter Mint, though there was on the part of the Melter and Refiner. I understood then, as now, that I was to pay for our own pots, but that the pots for the Mint at San Francisco were to be tried here and certified by our Melter & Refiner, but further than than this I had no connection with or responsibility for them.

The bill for the 35 pots for this Mint at the prices stated has been made out and approved, but as our appropriation for contingent expenses is rapidly diminishing, and I fear will become exhausted before the close of the fiscal year. I write anxiously to ask if this bill cannot be paid out of the appropriation for the expenses of the Refinery, to which it particularly belongs, the pots being made for the Refinery, and used there exclusively. If it be possible to have the bill settled in this way, I wish you would direct it to be paid out of that fund, and not out of the general appropriation for incidental expenses. Or if it can be paid

out

out of the "Silver profits" or any other fund, please so direct.

Very Respectfully
J. R. [illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 11 8

Sir.

The planchets for the proposed "goloid" dollar, have been prepared, and the required number of pieces will be struck as soon as the dies are ready, which I expect will be by tomorrow, or Monday at farthest, with the devices and inscription directed by Mr. Stephens, Chairman of the House Committee.

I would like to have the privilege of retaining a specimen for myself, if you have no objections, upon paying for it.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint.

Jany 11 8

Sir.

You will please strike from the dies furnished by the Engraver, for the proposed "Goloid" dollar, ten (10) specimens from the planchets made from the ingot furnished by the Melter and Refiner; as requested by the Director in his letter of Dec. 31st ulto and prepare duplicate bills for the metal contained in them, to be forwarded to him for payment.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

O. C. Bosbyshell. Esq
Coiner

Jany 11 8

Sir.

You will please strike from the dies furnished by the Engraver, for the proposed "Goloid" dollar, ten (10) specimens from the planchets made from the ingot furnished by the Melter and Refiner; as requested by the Director in his letter of Decr 31st ulto and prepare duplicate bills for the metal contained in them, to be forwarded to him for payment.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

O. C. Bosbyshell. Esq

Coiner

Jany 11

Sir,

Your letter of the 10th inst. has been received.

The Mint cannot supply 20 cent pieces of 1876 and 1877. You will have to apply to coin dealers. The 50 cts enclosed in your letter is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
W. P. Thompson.
Buffalo
N. Y.

Jany 11 8

Sir:

Three boxes of assay coins from the Mint at Carson for the 4th quarter 1877, were received by registered mail to day.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

James Crawford Esq

Supt U. S. Mint

Carson

Nev

Jany 12 8.

Sir

Your letter of the 9th inst
has been received

The freight demanded by
your Express Co. for returnin
the empty Specie boxes is so
disproportionate to their value,
that I decline to receive them on
such terms. They must come free
of charge or not at all.

Very Respectfully
Jas Speed
Supt

Jas. A. Wallace Esq
Hopkinsville
Ky

Jany 12

Sir.

Your postal card of the 4th inst was received to day.

The Mint cannot furnish the specimens you call for. One gold dollar, and a very few silver dols were struck for the inspection of the authorities at Washington, but none for general distribution.

Should there be any pattern pieces for sale hereafter, which is not probable, then it will be made public.

Very Respectfully

Geo. C. Van Allen Esq

Mt Pleasant

Iowa.

Supt

January 12th 8

H. S. Cochran Esq
Weigh Clerk

Sir:

In order to carry out the instructions of the Director, requiring accurate Vault Accounts to be kept for the purpose of showing the daily balances of Bullion in the Possession of the Superintendent and the Operative Officers respectively and also to relieve you from the extra labor involved, I have assigned Mr. F. N. Thompson to the keeping of such accounts.

You will therefore turn over to Mr. Thompson the books prepared by Mr. M. V. Davis for that purpose, and give him every assistance in having each day's work properly entered, so that no complaints may reach this Office or that of the Director, of a looseness in conducting the business of your department.

I shall expect a literal and cheerful compliance on your part with the above instructions, which are final.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent.

Jany 12 8

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, during the week ending January 12 1878.

Very Respectfully
Ja. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 12 8

Sir,

I enclose herewith & forward, Gold Workings, and Silver Workings, in the Coiner Department, during the month of December 1877.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 14th 8

Sir:

The Mint is indebted to Pope, Cole & Co. of Baltimore, in the sum of $1.762.50 for copper for alloy for silver coins; and to Richard C. Remmy for Hummel & Meng $2.325, for crucibles; together $4.087.50. In addition to this, I shall soon have to pay Henry Troemner over $2,000 for new scales and weights.

I write to ask if these bills cannot be paid out of the appropriation for the redemption of fractional currency, (subsidiary silver coin) and thus relieve the pressure upon my general appropriation for contingent expen which I fear will not hold out until the end of the fiscal year.

You have heretofore, in several instances, made advancements to me from the redemption appropriation above referred to, to help me out in emergencies, and I hope it will be practicable to do so now under the current necessity which I have indicated

As the parties I have named are waiting for their money, I will thank you for a reply at your early convenience. I especially ask that the bill for copper be provided for in this way, as it is used exclusively for the subsidiary silver coinage.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Jany 12 8

Sir

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst, I herewith return properly endorsed, Gold Mint Receipt No. 1113, dated August 13. 1877

Very Respectfully

Jas. French

Supt.

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Jany 14 8

Sir.

Your draft of the 12th inst, No. 69.836. on the Third National Bank of New York, for $1,000. in payment for a like amount of silver quarter dollars, is herewith returned, it not being the kind of remittance required for the purpose.

Subsidiary silver coins are issued by the Mint, only on the terms of the enclosed circular from Secretary Sherman, which I enclose for your information and guidance.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Geo. Starr, Esq. Ca.
Coldwater
Mich.

Jany 14 8

Sir.

Your postal card of the 11th inst. is received.

We do not wish the coins you mention for our Collection, being already supplied.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr
Jas Dickson
No 67. 4th Av.
Pittsburgh
Pa

Jany 14 8

Sir

The piece you sent is copper, or bronze; most likely a two-cent piece, roasted & cleaned.

Respy

Jas Pollock

Supdt.

Mr John Callahan
Care of
Asst. Treasr. U.S.
Cincinnati

The piece is herewith returned

J.P. Supt.

Jany 14 8

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 11th inst, I herewith mail you Mint Report with a reference to some of the tables; and have to add the following statement of the fineness and alloy of the different U. S. silver dollars.

From 1794 to 1837 - weight 416 grains; fineness 892.4 parts silver, and 107.6 parts alloy.

From 1837 to 1873 - weight 412 1/2 grains; fineness 900 parts silver, and 100 parts alloy.

Trade Dollar, from April 1. 1873, to the present time - weight 420 grains; fineness, 900 parts silver and 100 parts alloy.

The Trade Dollar is not a legal tender, and is coined for the China and East India trade, not for home circulation.

I have not seen the "Bland" bill, but understand that it restores the silver dollar of 412½ grains, which had an unlimited legal tender.

Halves, quarters and dimes are a legal tender not exceeding five (5) dollars in any one payment.

Very Respectfull

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Wm. O. Abbott. Esq
Fort Wayne
Ind

190.

Jany 14 ,

Sir,

I return by Express, the gold article found in Florida, & sent here for assay. Its fineness is 893 thousandths; the alloy is silver; evidently made from native gold. The weight 1.53 oz., gives $28.25 in gold coin, at the bullion value.

It is evidently of ancient manufacture, & differs entirely from the Chiriqui images of Central America, which were alloyed with copper. It shows a considerable knowledge of metallurgy.

Very respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Sup't.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director &c. &c.

Jany 14th 8

Sir

In compliance with your letter of instructions of the 31st of December, last, I send by Adams Express, Ten (10) "Goloid" Dollars of Barber's design, Two (2) Eagles of Morgan's design, and Two (2) half Eagles of Morgan's designs and enclose herewith bill for the same amounting to Thirty four Dollars ($34.00) in gold and Six and 42/100 Dollars ($6.42) in Silver.

In compliance with your order of Jany 12th I send in same package, for your Office, Two (2) Goloid Dollars and enclose herewith bill for the same amounting to $1.00 in gold and $1.10 in Silver.

I also send one Specimen in copper

with a different reverse from the ten ordered — The "wreath" and "Silver" and "Gold" in full distinguish this from the other pieces. Although not ordered with the ten I know you will approve as it is for your use and information.

I will in a few days send you the opinions of the Assayer, Melter & Refiner, Coiner and myself on the use of the Alloy for Coinage — Your views and arguments are correct and I think unanswerable.

Very respectfully

Jas Pollock

Superintendent

Hon H R Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D. C

Jany 14 8

Sir.

The increasing demand for one cent bronze coins with the diminishing redemption of that denomination, obliges me to ask authority to coin one cent pieces to the amount of Ten to Twenty thousand Dollars, in addition to the $10,000. recently authorized. We have orders on hand to the amount of $6,000, and receive remittances for them by every mail; and in a few days the entire supply will be exhausted, and I will be compelled to notify applicants that I cannot furnish them.

As it is a bona fide public

demand it seems to me that it ought to be met. My own opinion is that an aditional coinage of 2,000,000 pieces ($20.000) now while we are not overworked on silver coinage would be good policy, and not exceed the probable demand of the next few months. The coinage of $10,000 more will be a positive necessity, and I respectfully urge that the desired authority to coin them be granted. We can turn them out now without interfering with other work.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 15 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 7th inst to Chief Justice Waite, in behalf of Miss Sarah Warren has been referred to me, by the Director of the Mint, for answer

The vacancy caused by the death of a lady was filled long ago, and we are now full, with positive instructions from the authorities at Washington to make no more appointments. We have all that we need to do the work of the Mint, and have no use or room for more.

Very Respectfully

Chas Scranton Esq
Oxford
N. J.

Jany 15th 8

Sir.

Please cause the following amounts tobe transferred from our Silver Profit & Loss a/c, and Bullion Profit & Loss a/c, to the U S Bullion Fund of the Mint, per custom. viz.

On a/c of Silver Profits $300.000.

On a/c Coinage Charges 26.935.20

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas [illegible]

Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 15th 8

Sir.

I transmit herewith a Statement of my Silver Profit & Loss a/c for the 6 mos ended December 31st 1877.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt.

Hon H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

198½

Jany 15th 8

Sir

Geo. A. Ludlow, recently appointed an Annealer in the Coiners department has entered upon the performance of his duties, but has not yet taken the oath of office because I have no blanks for the purpose, nor even one to serve a a form. I will therefore thank you to send me a blank oath for his use.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Jany 16

Sir

Yours of the 14th inst
has been received.

The sample of ore you sen
to the Mint, turns out upon
examination to be only san
colored by oxide of iron - c
taining mica in scales, but
precious metals, and of no [illegible]

Very Respectfully

Jas Ross

Mr.
Saml D. Hershem.
New Columbia
Union Co
Pa

Jany 16 8

Sir

Referring to your letter "S.G." of the 11th inst. I have with enclosed Ctf. No. 189. January 15th for $12.80 the bullion value of $57 in mutilated silver 3¢ pieces specified in your letter. I also — Mint Memorandum No. 15.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
Jas. Gilfillan
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Jany 16 8

Sir.

Yours of the 14th inst, has been received.

Dies(2) have been prepared for the proposed new dollar, and a few specimens struck by the orders, an for the use, of the authorities at Washington, but none for general distribution.

If adopted by Congress, an their coinage directed, the doll so authorized will be added to the proof set of this year, whi will also contain the Trade Dol

As to whether specimens of the d not adopted will be for sale, will dep upon circumstances.

Very Respectfully

Mr. A. G. Merrell.
Detroit Mich.

Jany 16th 8

Sir

I enclose herewith a statement of the Melter & Refiner's Copper Alloy a/c. for the 4th Quarter 1877

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

16th January

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 10th instant I would state that your deposit was mixed foreign coins and that a correct estimate of the value would be difficult to make, 1st Because you cannot tell how much the coin is worn, and 2nd there is no certain basis of valuing foreign coins. Your coin was weighed and calculated with great accuracy. The loss you complain of occurred probably through the very low price of silver by [illegible] we paid the London quotation of silver for the day on which your deposit was received which was $1.0584 per oz. A United States trade dollar would be worth at the above rate only 92.6 cents in gold. The rule of the Mint is that not less than one hundred dollars in coin should be received as a deposit.

Very Respectfully,

Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

L. X. Coquard Esq.
No. 1[illegible] N. 3rd St. St. Louis
Mo.

Jany 16 8

Sir.

In compliance with your request of the 12th inst, received on the 14th I herewith enclose official reports from the operative officers of this Mint, with regard to the proposed "goloid" coinage.

I have, myself, never been able to see that any advantage whatever could be derived from "goloid" coinage, while the objections seemed to me to be numerous and insurmountable. Many of these objections are presented in detail in the special reports herewith forwarded, and in which I fully and entirely concur.

Aside from all other considerations, the practical test furnished by a comparison of the pattern "goloid" dollar herewith enclosed, struck by the Coiner in standard silver, with the piece struck in the "goloid" alloy, in your possession, and the impossibility of distinguishing between them except by some special earmark, must be absolutely conclusive of the question.

I should add in justice to the Melter & Refiner, that his report is the first draft, prepared amidst other pressing duties which will account for the interlineations.

I enclose for payment the Coiner's bill, 70 cts. for the pattern piece in standard silver herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

June 17

Sir.

Your letter of the 14th inst to the Director of the Mint, has been referred to me for answer.

There have been no pattern pieces struck for sale or general distribution since the Trade Dollar, and it is therefore not in my power to furnish any to your Society.

The very few silver and gold dollar pieces recently sent to Washington, of which mention has been made in an erroneous form in the newspapers, were solely for the inspection of the Government Authorities and not for the public.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock

Jeremiah Colburn, Esq
Prest. B. N. S.
Boston, Mass

Jany 17 [illegible] 8

Gentlemen

The following schedule of co[illegible] delivered by you as weighed at t[illegible] Mint, shows a net shortage of 344 pounds in 19 tons.

Jany 2d 6 tons. 2 tons weighed 1 pound short
" 5 4 " 4 " " 17 " over
" 12 5 " 2 " 87 " Short
" 16 6 " 6 " " 185 " "
" 17 6 " 5 " " 88 " "

I advise you of the de[illegible] that you may mak[illegible] it go[illegible] a[illegible] take steps to guar[illegible] agai[illegible] deficiency in futu[illegible].

Messrs. Very Resp[illegible]

Branson & Brother
1118 Washington Av
Phila

Jany 17 8

Sir,

The assay of your minerals would cost $15.00, but it is not necessary to put you to that expense.

No. 1 is oxide of iron.

No 2 is sulphide of iron.

No. 3. oxide & sulph. iron.

none of them of any value.

Respy

Ja Pollock

Supdt

Mr J. W. Hamilton

Latham

Ills.

Jany 17 8

Sir;

My Cashier informs me that his vaults now contain Twelve Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,200,000) in subsidiary silver coin, and that he might possibly accommodate some more. To facilitate business it is desirable that a portion of this stock be transferred to the Treasury U.S. Unless this be done, there is danger that we may be compelled for want of storage room, to suspend the coinage of small silver.

I enclose a copy of his letter communication and suggest that measures be taken to afford the desired relief.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

17th January 8

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 14th instant I would state that the deposit referred to was received here on the 26th of December 1877 and paid out again on the 28th ult. The agent of Adams Express Co. said he sent it on the same day, directed to Mrs. A. J. Bowen Kansas City Missouri.

If you enquire at the Express office in your city they can probably trace it. The value here was $4[illegible].58 in coin.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

A. J. Bowen
No. 003 W. 17th Street
Kansas City
Mo

Jany 17

Sir:

On the 10th of August ult
I forwarded to you by the Ad-
ams Express Company, twenty two
(22) fine silver discs, of the size
prescribed in your letter of July
5th, and advised you that new
moulds would have to be made
before I could furnish the re-
mainder. I have not received
any notice from you whether
these discs proved to be satisfac-
tory or not.

A note from our Melter &
Refiner, which I herewith en-
close, informs me that the moulds
required were made, but that

under the heavy pressure of his regular duties, the manufacture of the other discs was overlooked, and before proceeding to furnish them, he wishes to know whether those already sent were satisfactory or not.

Please let me know at your early convenience whether the discs last sent you answered their intended purpose, and whether we shall proceed to make the remaining number of discs that the metal on hand will turn out.

Very Respectfully
Ja. Pollock
Supt.

Wm. N. Jeffers, Chief
Bureau of Ordnance
Navy Department
Washington
D.C.

Jany 17 8

Sir:

I herewith forward the Melters and Refiners statements of Bullion operations and Gold and Silver meltings for the month of December, 1877, together with an explanatory letter from that officer.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 17 [illegible] 8

Sir.

Referring to your letter (B. [illegible]) of January 14th inst, I herewith forward C/D. of this date No 10 [illegible] for $5.20, on currency transfer account, being the value of an equal amount of mutilated 3 cent copper nickel coins, specified in your letter.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
James Gilfillan
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D.C.

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Jany 18 8

Sir,

Your inquiry of the 17th inst is at hand.

The term "ragged edge" as applied to the silver dollar, I presume is merely a figurative expression used by the newspapers to indicate the anxiety of the silver men for the restoration of the old silver dollar. Practically all our gold and silver coins, except the twenty cent piece, have a serrated or milled edge, but not ragged by any means.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

W. B. Corley, Esq
Easton
Pa

Jany 18

Sir

Your postal card receive

I answer your enquiry in the negative. The Adams Express Co. is by the Government under a contract, delivering minor coins in sums of $1. or multiples thereof. But this does apply to proof sets, which are a pr affair of the purchaser. The Expr Co. would not deliver the latter in any shape without being pai for it, and could not keep their accounts if put in the same packag with minor coins.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr. Chas Frasick,

Hartford. Ct.

Jany 18 8

Sir.

The inquiries contained in your letter of the 10th inst, you will find answered on pages 44-46, of the Directors annual report herewith mailed to you.

The fineness of coins is expressed in thousandths, 1,000 representing pure gold and silver, and "900 fine" meaning 900 parts pure metal and 100 parts alloy; and upon the same principle for any other proportion.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Col. P. G. Gurnley.
Chicago
Ill

Jany 18 8

Sir.

In compliance with your request of the 16th inst, I herewith forward duplicate bills $30. from the Coiner, for the gold contained in the specimen eagles and half eagles forwarded to you on the 14th inst.

Very Respectfully,
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC.

Jany 19. 8

Sir.

As requested in your letter of the 17th inst, I herewith forward for the files of your Office, duplicates of the several reports from this Mint on the proposed "goloid" coinage, whi I mailed to you on the 16th inst. The Engraver did not keep a copy of his letter, but has reproduced it, as near as may be, from memory. Copy of my letter is also enclosed.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

Jany 19. 8

Sir.

I herewith forward for payment, duplicate receipted bill of R. A. McClure, for full set of proof coins of 1878, for the Mint Cabinet.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 19 8

Sir.

Referring to your two letters (S.G.) of the 16th inst, I herewith enclose cft of the 18th inst, No. 1325, for $5.98 on currency transfer account, the net value of $2.18 and $4.81 mutilated minor coins, as per the enclosed certificates of the Comr, $1.49 + $4.49 = $5.98.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
Jas. Gilfillan
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Jany 19 8

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending January 19. 1878.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Jany 19 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 10th inst, in relation "to representations made to your Office of the imperfect condition of the water closets near the adjusting room, and that the stench from the same is so great at times as to be almost unbearable," was duly received.

I was more than surprised that any parties inside or outside of the Mint, should have made such representations, without some notice to me or the Coiner in whose Department the adjusters are employed. Common official courtesy would have suggested such notice. But no such complaint was made, and could not be made in truth.

Mr. McArthur, with some other gentleman connected with the Department of Public Buildings, called on me a few days after, (yesterday) and exhibited his authority for calling, together with a letter written by a man named Chapman to Hon. A. C. Harmer, so full of gross misrepresentations and ridiculous statements, that it seems incredible that any man in his sober senses could have written them. If his informant was any of the females in the Adjusting Room, he should have at least inquired into the truth, before endorsing

such

such misstatements.

In that letter, among other things he states that these water closets in the adjusting Room are used by "nearly all the employes in the Mint, including nearly one hundred women". There are but two water closets in that room, not one male employe uses them - used exclusively by the women - and as we have only about 70 female employes, the one hundred named must be found in the imagination of the writer. This is a fair sample of all the statements of this man Chapman.

As you know, it is difficult to keep water closets in perfect condition

condition when used by so many persons, but I have always promptly, on report made, ordered every repair made and remedy provided necessary to prevent stench &c; and I do not believe there is a public institution in the land, wherein so many are employed, that can present cleaner or better kept water closets.

I enclose the Coiners letter to me on this subject, He states what Mr. McArthur then thought and said of our closets.

I wish we could have removed to the outside of the Mint every water closet in it.

The traps of the closets have sometimes been closed so as

to

to prevent the escape of excrement; but in every instance such stoppage was occasioned, I believe, by the gross carelessness of some one in the room throwing in offal that should have been carried down stairs. They were opened promptly. Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 21 8

Sir

Your letter of the 19th inst. has been received.

The Mint cannot supply you with Trade Dollars. You can probably buy them of the Brokers.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Mr.
S. B Pratt.
Marlboro
Mass.

Jany 21 18

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst has been received.

Trade Dollars are intended only for the China and East India trade, not for home circulation, and their coinage has been suspended by the Secretary of the Treasury. They are not exchangeable at the Mint for greenbacks. You can perhaps buy them of Brokers.

Very Respectfully

Mr.
G. W. Colburn, Prest
Warrensburg
Mo

Jany 21st 8

Sir.

I respectfully call your attention to my letter of the 15th inst, asking for the transfer of \$300.000. from the Silver Profit & Loss a/c. to U. S. Bullion Fund, for a/c. of Silver Profits; and for \$26.935^{20} Coinage Charges to be transfered fered from Bullion Profit & Loss a/c. to U. S. Bullion Fund.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

P.S. It will be understood that this is not to be a movement of Coin, but simply a transfer from one a/c. to the other of profits accrued.

Jany 21 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 17th inst. has been received.

You cannot have your old Spanish and Mexican coins recoined into new U. S. coins. The coinage of Trade Dollars (which are only intended for the China and East India trade) has been suspended by the Secretary of the Treasury, and halves, quarters and dimes are made for the U. S. Government only, and not for private distribution.

The enclosed Treasury circular may be of use to you.

Very Respectfully

Mr. H. Wilfong
Hickory N. C.

Jany 21 8

Sir

Your letter of the 18th inst, has been received.

The U. S. silver dollar and half-dollar, 1795 I believe do not command in the market more than their nominal value. We have specimens in the Mint cabinet, and do not need duplicates.

The enclosed card will answer your last inquiries.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Mr.

M. Greenfield

Sandusky

Ohio.

Jany 21 8

Sir.

In compliance with the request of Hon. James G. Blaine, U. S. Senate, endorsed by yourself, I have appointed John Walker, as Assistant in the Deposit Room, in the general department of this Mint, at $3,50 per diem, from the first Monday in February next (the 4th) and submit the same for approval, under the 4th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very Respectfully
Ja. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Jany 22 [illegible]

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th inst. has been received.

Under a temporary arrangement the Mint could receive your old silver, and pay for it, per ounce fine, in gold coin, at very near the London quotations of the day your silver is received. The Express Agent could then, if you so instruct him, purchase, with the proceeds, as many proof sets as you want, and send you the balance in gold coin, or silver bars, as you may prefer.

We only sell sets of proof coins, gold, silver, or minor coins

and not single pieces, except
the proof Trade Dollar, the price of
which, singly, is $1.50 in currency.
I could not sell you any single
proof gold coins, only a full
The price of a proof set
minor coins, is thirteen cents,
two sets for a quarter doll
I can furnish all the p
sets you may order, but th
regulations do not permit
to allow any discount.

Very Respectfu

J W. Polloc
Sup

Alfred S Robinson, Esq
Hartford
Ct

Jany 22 8

Sir:

I forward to you to day by the Adams Express Co. One Double Eagle of 1878, in exchange for a split Double Eagle of San Francisco coinage of 1878, specified in your letter of the 21st inst,

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 22 8

Sir.

Referring to your letter (S. G.) of the 16th inst, I herewith forward C.D. January 21, No. 1327, for $31.34 on currency transfer account the bullion value of $33.78 mutilated silver 3c pieces specified in your letter, as per the enclosed Mint Memorandum No. 28.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
Jas. Gilfillan
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D.C.

Jany 22 8

Sir

Your letter of the 16th inst was duly received.

I can only furnish proof coins of the current year. The Mint cabinet contains all the coins mentioned in your letter and we are not need duplicates. You can perhaps find a mar- for them by communicating with coin dealers.

Very Respectfully,
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
H. De Rose
Louisville
Ky.

Jany 22 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 18th inst was duly received.

The balance of the silver disks referred to will be manufactured and forwarded to you by Express as soon as may be practicable, under the pressure of the regular work of the Mint.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Commodore

Wm N. Jeffers.

Chief of Bureau of Ordnance

Navy Department

Washington. DC.

Jany 22 8

Sir.

Upon the special application of Hon. Wm A. Wallace, U. S. Senator, endorsed by yourself, I have appointed Mrs Amelia R. Shirey, as an Adjuster in the Coiners department at $1,75 per diem, to take effect, February 4th proximo, and submit the same for approval.

The Coiner's nomination is herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

Jany 22 8

Sir.

I have to day forwarded to the Mint at Carson by the Adams Express Co, the following dies for the year 1878, in part of your requisition of Oct 17. 1877.

Express receipt enclosed.

Trade Dollar	20	Obverse.		
Half do	14	do		
Quarter do	18	do		
Double Eagle	14	do	16	Reverse
Eagle	5	do	5	do
Half Eagle	3	do	3	do.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Jany 22 8

Sir

The assayer reports, on the two specimens of ore sent on the 16th, — One (cubical) is galena, the other antimony; neither containing precious metal.

Very respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supdt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director U. M.

Jany 22 8

Sir.

I have to day forwarded to the Mint at Carson by the Adams Express Co. the following dies for the year 1878, in part of your requisition of Oct 17. 1877.

Double Eagle	9 reverse	11 obverse
Half Dollar	—	18 do
Quarter do	—	24 do
Dime	9 "	24 do

Express receipt enclosed.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 22 8

Sir.

In carrying out your instructions to keep such accounts as will show the daily amounts of bullion on hand in the respective departments, it will be necessary to have some new blank books. We need now two "Weigh Clerks Daily Bullion Accounts", one for gold and one for silver, which should be carefully and well made and of a prescribed form, under our supervision. As they are exclusively for bullion, I suppose I can have them made here, but submit the matter to you to determine. We should have them soon.

A daily cash book for the Book Keeper is also needed, and can be more readily procured here than at Washington. Be good enough to state whether this can be done. If not, then it will require a special requisition upon the Department, to which they strongly object. I cannot anticipate every want six months in advance.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 23 8

Dear Sir:

I have appointed you as an Assistant in the Deposit Room of this Mint, at $3,50 per diem, from the 4th of February proximo: and the appointment having been confirmed, you will please take and subscribe the enclosed oath &c and report to me for duty, on Mon February 4th, at 9 A. M. bringing the oath with you.

Very Respect'y &c

Jas Pollock

John Walker, Esq
1221-10th St.
Washington
D.C.

Jany 29 8

Sir

By request of H. Silver, Esq Assayer in charge of the Mint at Denver, I herewith forward for the Secretary of the Treasury, original C/D of the 22d inst, No. 4085, from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, in the name of the Assayer, for $\$14^{20}$ coin, on account of deductions on Bullion deposits at that Mint for 4th Quarter 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC.

Jany 23 8

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 10th inst, I herewith forward to you, duplicate C/D of the 22d ins No. 4085, for $114.26 coin, on account of deductions on Bullion deposits for the 4th Quarter 1877, being the net proceeds of the coinage of the unparted gold bar specified in your letter, as per the enclosed Mint Memorandum No. 95.

The original C/D has been forwarded to the Director of the Mint at Washington, D.C. as per your request. There is no triplicate.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

H. Silver, Esq
Assayer in Charge
Denver. Col.

Jany 23   8

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st inst, has been received.

One dollar is the smallest, and Twenty Dollars the largest gold coin ever issued by the U. S. Mint. There is no U. S. Fifty Dollar gold piece, and I therefore cannot furnish you one.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr.

N. B. Watkins.

Norwich.

N. Y.

January 23 8

Dear Sir

I take pleasure in acknowledging the donation of two medals from yourself, for the Mint Cabinet; in which they will be preserved and exhibited, in a glass case.

Very respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Thomas Warner Esq.
Cohocton
Steuben Co
N.Y.

Jany 23rd 8

Sir

Please draw your Transfer Order for Fifty thousand (50.000) Dollars, to reimburse you for minor Coins withdrawn from the Redemption Fund and reissued

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. Jas Gilfillan
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Jany 23 8

Sir

Your letter of the 21st inst has been received.

The Mint can supply you with full sets of proof coins, on the terms of the enclosed circular, but not single pieces. You can doubtless procure the latter of Brokers or coin dealers. There are no U. S. gold coins below the denomination of one dollar, and it is an indictable offence to make them.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr.
Wm R. Smith.
Pittsburg. Pa.

Jany 23 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 20th inst. has been received.

There was no presidential medal struck for President Harrison. He died before it could be even thought of. If it had been struck he would not, under the law, have been entitled to one unless he had bought it and paid for it. They were merely peace medals intended by the Act of Congress for presentation to Indian tribes as a token of amity.

I enclose a medal circular for your information.

Very Respectfully

R. B. Harrison, Esq.
Indianapolis
Ind

Jany 23 8

H. C. Young Esq
Custom House. Philadelphia.
Dear Sir.

In reply to your queries, I would say, 1st. Our gold coin is worth its full face value, that is, one double eagle contains $20. worth of pure gold.

2d. The coin value to a depositor at the Mint, of an equivalent number of grains of pure gold, depends on the nature of the bullion. If it is alloyed with base metals he pays a small charge to cover the cost of refining. If it is pure he pays for the requisite amount of copper alloy, but these charges are not taken out of the coin itself.

If the bullion is of the proper standard for coin the Mint makes no charge.

Yours truly.
Jas Pollock

Jany 24 8

Sir.

I herewith forward the oath of Office of Geo A. Ludlow, Annealer, in the Coiners department of this Mint.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Crouch
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

This letter
was not sent
see p. 383

Jany 24th 8

Sir.

Your letter making inquiry in reference to a deposit made at this Mint on November 16th 1850, by one Richard Ness, is received.

Our books show that such a deposit was made at the time stated, and was paid and receipted for on the 30th day of the same month in the hand writing of Richard Ness.

The paper you have found is doubtless an assay memorandum which has no value whatever as a receipt.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas. Pollock Supt

Wm. Shaw
462 Maitland St.
London Ontario
Canada

Jany 24 8

Sir

Your letter of the 22d inst, enclosing a copy of a letter from the Committee on Coinage of the House of Representatives, requesting certain specimens of the "goloid" dollar, prepared and cleaned under directions from Mr. Hubbell, a copy of which you also enclosed, was duly received.

In compliance with your instructions, five new specimens of the "goloid" dollar have been prepared and struck in literal and exact compliance with Mr. Hubbells directions, and under the immediate personal observation of Mr. Frederick Eckfeldt of your Office,

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who will deliver them to you for the inspection of the Committee. You will observe that there is no difference in the surface color and appearance; nor could there be, under any honest admixture and treatment of the metals entering in to the composition of the pieces.

Mr. Eckfeldt is an intelligent expert whose integrity cannot be questioned, and who performed his duty in this matter with judicial impartiality. You will learn from him, in detail every step, from first to last, in the preparation and striking of these pieces.

The imputations which Mr. Hubbell so far forgot himself as to make against the integrity, fairness and scientific accuracy of the operative officers of this Mint, is an unwarrantable calumny, but one against which they need no defence.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 25. 80

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 23d inst. has been received.

For dies we formerly used steel furnished by Jessup & Son, Sheffield, England, but latterly we procure our steel for that purpose from American manufacturers, Messrs. Alex Foster & Co, No. 2824 Penna Avenue, Philadelphia, which our Engraver informs me has so far proved satisfactory.

The bulk of the steel used in our machinery, and also that used for the beds and punches in the cutting presses has been that manufactured by "The Cres-

-cent

Steel Company," Pittsburg, Pa.
We have of late made a limited
trial of steel made by the
"Midvale Steel Company," Nicet
Philadelphia. It has been use
for machine tools, cold chisels,
coin collars and punches, and
the foreman of our machine
shop reports that it has given
better results than any steel
heretofore used; it has been
remarkably even, tempers well
at a low heat, and he says it
has in other respects given
entire satisfaction.

Very Respectfu
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Messrs.
E. Remington & Son
Ilion
N. Y.

Jany 25 8

Sir

I have to day forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco, by the Adams Express Co, the following dies for 1878, in part of your requisition of 24th October last.

Trade Dollar	12	Obverse	—	reverse
Double Eagle	12	do	12	do
Dime	12	do	12	do
Half Dollar	12	do	11	do
Quarter "	11	do	6	do
Gold Dollar	2	do	—	

Express receipt enclosed.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Jany 25 8

Sir.

In reply to your enquiry of the 23d inst, I have to say that we have specimens of "gold 25 cent pieces" in our Cabinet. They were made in a private shop in California, as playthings, not for currency and are less than half gold, the "1/2 dollar" being worth about 11 cts, and the "1/4 dollar" about 6 1/2 cents.

They would probably bring more among coin dealers and collectors.

Very Respectfully,

Jas Pollock

Dir

C. L. Shank. Esq
Titusville
Pa

Jany 26   8

Sir.

Your letter of the 25th inst, asking me to explain "the necessity for the purchase in voucher #25, bill of Jno O. Money, of 25 Postal cards" has been received.

Near the close of the old and the beginning of the new year, applications from all parts of the country for proof coins and pattern pieces, and inquiries in relation to them, are so numerous, that to save time - paper - envelopes &c, I consented to the request of Mr. Vogt, Medal clerk, to purchase the 25 Postal cards enumerated in said voucher for which was paid 25 cents each of the profits of the Medal Fund. Of the cards so purchased, all that were used, were used exclusively for official purposes.

To avoid all trouble in the premises, I have taken the balance paid 25 cents to the Medal clerk, and charged myself in the medal account of the current quarter with that sum for Postal cards returned. This sum can remain charged to me in the current quarter's account here; or, if deemed advisable the item my be struck from the account of last quarter, which will increase the balance in my hands to that amount.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

Jany 26 8

Sir.

Your request of the 25th inst, to forward to the Mint at San-Francisco the obverse trade dollar dies, the balance due on your requisition of Oct. 24. 1877. has been received.

Your requisition of that date called for 45 obverse and 30 reverse trade dollar dies. Of this number 26 obverse, and 30 reverse were forwarded Nov. 19. 1877; and 12 obverse sent yesterday the 25th inst, leaving only seven (7) obverse dies to complete the order, and they will be forwarded on Tuesday next.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Jany 26 8

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending January 26. 1878.

Very Respectfu

Jas. Crawford

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Jany 28 8

Sir

Your letter of the 25th inst has been received.

Halves, quarters and dimes are coined for the U. S. Government only, and not for private parties. Trade Dollars are only coined for depositors of silver bullion, and we are not making any now. You can buy these coins of Bankers, but they are not for sale at the Mint.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr

E. McFarland

Oberlin

Ohio

Jany 28 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 26th inst. is received. The box you speak of has reached this city, but as the freight was only paid to Baltimore, leaving 50 cts unpaid charges on it, I could not receive it.

As a matter of accommodation we make assays of ores for gold or silver, but not for other metals, when it does not interfere with our regular work. The Mint charge is $5.— pre paid for each specimen assayed. For a mere inspection of ores we make no charge. The Mint does not deal in mines or mineral lands.

Very Respectfully,

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Thos. C. Harper Esq
Tomahawk Springs
W. Va.

Jany 28   8

Sir

The piece of iron sent by you, contains about eight per cent (weight) of gold. It is entirely out of our line, and must be sent to a smelter & refiner. Phillips & Jacobs of this city have an established reputation, probably there are ~~establs~~ similar works nearer to you.

Truly yours
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. H. S. Keables
Pella
Iowa.

Jany 28 8

Sir:

The piece of burnt coin sent by you, has been cupelled, and proves to be standard silver. Why the surface on one side was scaly, we cannot tell, except produced by the action of the fire It is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Jas. A. Waugh. Esq
Oil City
Pa

Jany 28 8

Sir

In compliance with the directions contained in your letter of the 21st of December, 1877, I herewith forward for payment duplicate receipted bill of S. G. Boughton, of this City, (700 Arch Street) for $40.08, for 112 hum assay bottles, manufactured for the Mint at Carson as per your instructions of the above date, and forwarded to you from Boston, Mass, on the 25th of January, inst, by the Star Union freight line. Please remit the amount as proposed in your letter.

Mr. Boughton informs me that a Bill of Lading will be forwarded to you from Boston.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

James Crawford, Esq
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson
Nev

Jany 28 8

Sir.

I herewith forward for the Secretary of the Treasury C/D. of this date No. 4094, in my name, for $\$354^{\underline{22}}$ coin, on account of parting, refining and bar charges.

Very Respectfully
Jas. [illegible]
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

(Telegram)

To

Jany 28. 1878.

Edmanson Bros.

Chicago, Ill.

The Mint is not coining trade dollars now, and never has them for sale

Jas Pollock

Supt Mint

U. S. Mint.

Jany 29. 1878

The following report of the assay of test coins from this Mint, for January 1878, by the Assayer of the N. Y. Assay Office, has been handed to the Coiner, Assayer, and Melter & Refiner.

Denomination.	Weight.	Fineness	
	Grains Dec.	Gold.	Silver
Double Eagle	516.	899.6.	6
Half Dollar	193.2	Trace	899.5
Quarter do	96.9	"	900.2
Dime	38.2	"	900.2

James Pollock
Supt

per [illegible]

Jany 29 8

Gentlemen.

Your package of supposed "burnt silver" forwarded by mistake to the Director of the Mint at Washington, D.C. and from thence expressed to me for coinage, proves upon examination by our Assayer, to be only tin and solder, without any trace of silver, and is of no value.

There is due the Adams Express Co, 75 cents for freight on the package from Washington to Philadelphia, which please remit.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs. C. A. Davis & Son
Greensborough
Geo

Jany 29 8

Sir.

The package of supposed "burnt silver" received this morning by Express through your Office from C. A. Davis & Son Greensborough, Geo. proves upon examination by our Assayer, to be only tin and solder, and of no value.

I have advised the parties that their deposit contains no silver.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

Jany 29 8–

Sir:

Please send me about 25 additional copies of Secretary Shermans circular of January 1st announcing the value of foreign coins. There is an unusual demand for the information it contains.

Can you also conveniently mail me a copy of the Congressional directory, for reference.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Jany 29   8

Sir:

I have this day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Min at San Francisco, four (4) obverse Eagle dies called for in your letter of the 28th inst.

Also the following dies for the same Mint, in part of your requisition of October 24. 1877.

Trade dollar	7 obverse
Double Eagle	8 Reverse
Half dollar	9 obverse
Dimes	9 obverse.

Express receipt enclosed.

The few remaining dies due o your order of October 24. will be forwarded at a very early da

enc

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 29 8

Sir

I herewith forward for the Treasurer U. S. C/D of this date No. 1040, in my name, to his credit, for $6.000. as a transfer of funds on account of subsidiary silver coin.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 30 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 26th inst, has been received.

You labor under a misapprehension. The Mint has no gold half and quarter dollars for sale. The specimens in the Mint cabinet cannot be bought; such pieces were never a legal coinage.

The one dollar note enclosed in your letter is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
C. F. Shank.
Getunville
Pa

Jany 30 8

Sir:

Referring to your letter (l. G.) of the 24th inst. I herewith trans-mit C/D No. 1345, to your credit, for $24.71 on currency transfer account, being the bullion val of $30. in mutilated silver pieces specified in your letter

Mint Memorandum No. 38 also enclosed.

Very Respectfully

Hon. Jas. Gilfillan
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Jany 30 8

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 23d inst, I herewith transmit C/D in duplicate, No. 175, in your name, from the Asst Treas U. S. at Philadelphia, to the cred of the Treasurer U. S. for $293.40 coin, on account of duties on imports, being the proceeds of the recoinage of $296. light gold coin specified in your letter. Please acknowledge receipt.

Mint Memorandum No. 1 7 also enclosed.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Dir

Jos. C. Abbott, Esq
Coll of Customs,
Wilmington, N. C.

Jany 30   8

Sir.

I herewith forward my requisition of this date for the sum of $36,000, for the month of February proximo, out of the following current appropriations.

Salaries	$3.000
Wages	25.000
Incidentals	8.000

I forward the requisition a little in advance, that I may be placed in funds as early as may be practicable after the 1st of the month; my contingent fund being entirely exhausted, and the payment of bills suspended, in consequence

Payments for crucibles and copper have drawn heavily upon our funds this month. The coal bill for this month will be about $1,000. the new scales and weights $2,000: and a number of smaller bills have been postponed until the draft for February has been received.

Guided by the experience of this month and the probable demands upon the next, I am constrained to ask a somewhat larger sum than heretofore for contingent expenses, but not more than our probable necessities may require, and trust to you to satisfy the Department that my demands are not unreasonable, under the circumstances.

Hon.
Very Respect'lly
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Jany 31

Sir:

Yours of the 29th inst is at hand. The first cents coined by the U. S. were in 1793 although some coins were struck by the Colonies previously.

Ancient coins are valuable according to circumstances surrounding them, date, scarcity, history &c which go to make them worth more in the eyes of coin collectors, historians &c.

For a list of their value you must apply to coin dealers and collectors. We cannot furnish you with that information.

Very Respy
[illegible]

Dr. Geo. S. Bennett
Troy N. Y.

Jany 31 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 30th inst, with reference to the Annual Assay, has been received, and your directions with regard the same will be duly carried out.

There are no slip copies of the laws and rules governing the annual assay, but I will have some printed as requested.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

Jany 31. 8

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for month ending January 31. 1878.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 31 8

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 30th inst, has been received.

I have not been authorized to resume the coinage of Trade Dollar but if I should be, deposits will be paid in the order in which they are received. If the deposits should be very large, a proportionately longer time will be required to make returns; but how much longer than usual, I, of course, cannot conjecture in advance of the deposits.

Mexican dollars would be receivable to be coined into Trade Dollars Also Doré silver, if not too base. But coarse silver bars will not received, Doré silver will also be rejected if too base.

The charges at this Mint for refining bars are the same as those at the U. S. Assay Office, New-York.

I know of nothing in the law or regulations to interfere with your making deposits at this Mint, direct, if your bullion is suitable for coinage. Silver bars, other than the Doré silver above specified, *must be equal in fineness to the fine silver* received by us from the New York Assay Office.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Messrs.

J & W. Seligman & Co.

New York.

Jany. 31st 8

Sir.

I report the Bullion Fund at the close of business this day as follows -

Gold	$ 2.040.953.58
Silver	1.419.683.22
Total	$ 3.460.636.80

Subdivided approximately thus -

Gold Coin	$ 1.170.898.29
Gold Bullion	870.055.29
Silver Coin	500.000.
Silver Bullion	919.683.22
Total, as above	$ 3.460.636.80

Very Respectfully

J. Pollock

Supt

Hon. H R Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

[illegible] 31 [illegible] 8

Sir

At the close [illegible] business this day I made the [illegible] al monthly count and examination of the money in the hands of [illegible] Cashier of the Mint, with the [illegible] lowing result

Gold	[illegible]03.254.6
Silver	[illegible]5.7298
Refining & Parting &c	151.85
Ordinary ap. regular	2.192.98
Minor Coinage	62.401.41
" Coins Exchanged	4.817.54
" " Reissued	8.192.00
" Coinage Redemption	267.196.48
	$2564.146.72

which corresponds with his books

I also made examination

into the general condition and operations of the Mint and the institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 1st 8

Sir.

Your note of the 28th ultimo indorsed upon the report of Mr. John McArthur Jr. on the alleged defects of the water closets in the Mint &c, has been received.

It is indeed gratifying to have so strong and positive contradiction to the gross misrepresentations if not positive falsehoods, and by irresponsible outside parties, in relation to the condition of the water closets, particularly in the Adjusting Room, and about which such a stench was raised.

As to the suggestions made Mr. McArthur to remove the water closets from the Adjusting Ro and place them near the chimney stack, I do not know what to say. If every water closet could be removed to the outside, it would be a most desirable improvement but this for want of room cannot be done. If the parties using the water closets in the Adjusting Room would take ordinary care and avoid throwing in offal &c whereby the traps become choked, there would be no need for removing them. I presume, however, that Mr. McArthur will, if directed so to do, give this and all other suggestions concerning changes and improvements due consideration.

I requested Mr. Bowden and Mr. Grier, to examine the closets and report to me their views on the subject of improving them

I enclose their letter. Their suggestions are worthy of consideration. Doubtless in some of them improvements could be made, and better ventilation secured as stated in their report. The cost would necessarily depend upon the extent and nature of the improvements. One thousand dollars, as stated by Mr. McArthur, ought to be sufficient and more than sufficient for any and all the changes required.

The whole subject is respectfully referred to you and the Supervising Architect.

The letter of Mr. McArthur is herewith returned, as requested.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Feby 2 8

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 1st inst, has been received.

Under established regulations, the coarse silver bars specified in your letter will not be received by the Mint for returns in Trade Dollars,

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Messrs.
J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York

Febry 2 8

Dear Sir,

The mineral powder sent by you is very pretty, but of no value. It is a gritty clay, colored with iron oxide, and would not even be available to make paint.

Yours truly,
Jas. Booth
Supdt

Mr. J. K. Brown
Light Street
Columbia Co Pa.

Feby 2 8

Dear Sir

No ones have been assayed here, for Geo. P. Persons, during four years past.

Yours truly
Jas. Pollock
Supdt.

Mr T. J. Larison
Creston, Iowa

Feby 2 8

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending Feby 2. 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 2 8

Sir:

Your requisition of the 1st inst, for thirty (30) additional obverse Trade Dollar dies for the Mint at San Francisco, has been received, and communicated to our Engraver, Mr. Barber, who informs me that one half the number will be ready to go forward by Express on Wednesday next, the 6th inst, and the remainder within a week afterwards.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington.

Feby 2 8

Sir

Your letter of January 30th has been received.

We are not coining silver dollars; and halves, quarters and dimes are made, for the U. S. Government only, and not for private depositors.

We can convert your alleged silver bullion into fine bars if you so direct, on the terms of the enclosed circular, but not into dollars,

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
D

Mr.
Chas. Hedrick
Cincinnati
Ohio

Feby 2 8

Sir.

Referring to your letter (S. G.) of Jany 26th ultimo, I herewith forward C/d of the 1st inst, No. 1957, for $3.77 to your credit on Currency transfer account, being the bullion value of $4.65 in mutilated silver 3¢ pieces, specified in your letter.

Mint Memorandum enclosed.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
Jas. Gilfillan
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

Feby 2 8

Sir.

I herewith forward Statement of Minor Coins redeemed, reissued and exchanged for the month of January 1878.

I also forward for the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Minor coinage operations for the same month.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 2 8

Sir

The piece you sent, (herewith returned,) is brass gilt; & weighs little more than half the proper weight. It appears to have been struck, not cast; and the dies are a pretty fair imitation.

Respectfully yours

Jas. Pollock

Supdt

Mr Geo. W. Morton
Milwaukee
Wis.

February 4th 8

Sir.

I forward this day my Bullion & Coinage a/cs and vouchers for the 4th Quarter 1877.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas [illegible]

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 4 [illegible]8

Sir

I herewith forward the official oaths of the following employees in the Mint.

1. Mrs. Amelia R. Shiery, Adjuster in the Coiners Department

2. John Walker, Assistant in Deposit Room, General Depatm

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 4 8

Sir.

Your letter of Jany 31st has been received.

Trade Dollars, when we coin them, are only made for depositors of silver bullion. The Government does not furnish them, nor does the Mint keep them for sale or exchange.

We have not coined any at this Mint for nearly a year, and cannot make any, unless authorized to do so by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Trade Dollars are intended only for the China and East India trade, and not for home consumption.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

D. S. Sigler, Esq
Corning
Iowa

Feby 4 8

Sir

Your letter of the 1st inst, has been received.

The U. S. Mint, of course, does not furnish Mexican dollars, or any other foreign coins.

Very Respecty

Jas. Pollock

Dir

M. E. Stewart Esq

Owasso

Michigan.

February 4 8

Sir

I hand you herewith statement of Domestic Silver Bullion purchased during January 1878.

Very Respectfully

Jno. A. Reid

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

Feby 7. 8

Sir:

Upon the request of the Melter & Refiner, herewith enclosed, I have transferred Chas. H. Frick, Counter in the General Department of this Mint at $2.90 per diem to the Melter & Refiners department as Helper at the same wages; and submit the same for approval.

This transfer to date from the 1st of Feby. inst.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

Feby 4 8

Gentlemen.

Your letter of Jany 31st, has been received.

In converting silver bullion into Trade Dollars, the market value of the silver does not enter into the Mint calculations. But 5000 ounces of silver bars, 998 fine, would produce 6,264 trade dollar pieces and 63 cents in subsidiary silver coin, if the bars should really be 998 fine. From this example you can make your own calculations for any larger or smaller amounts. Silver bullion deposited at the Mint is rarely as fine as represented.

Trade Dollars are only coined for the China and East India trade, and not for home consumption. We have not coined any for nearly a year, and shall not coin any unless authority to do so be given by the Secretary of the Treasury and this is not likely to be granted. Indeed, I see by the papers this morning that it has been refused.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Messrs.
Donaldson & Fraley
St. Louis
Mo

Feby 4 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 2d inst. is been received.

The Mint does not deal in, dispose of, or keep Trade Dollars for sale or exchange. We have not coined any Trade Dollars for nearly a year, and cannot resume their coinage unless authorized by the Secretary of the Treasury, and I see by the papers this morning that this has been refused. When we do make them they are only coined for depositors of silver bullion, and for the China and East India trade, not for home consumption.

Very Respectfully

S.

Louis Cohn. Esq

Chicago. Ill.

Feby 4 8

Sir:

I herewith forward for the Secretary of the Treasury, C/D of this date, No. 4107, for $81.57, in coin, on account of Parting, Refining and Bar charges.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

February 5th 8

Sir:

I hand you herewith my a/c of "Refining Expenses" for the month of January 1878.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Feby 6 8

Sir.

I have to day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, the following dies, in full of the balance due on your requisition of October 24.187,

Double Eagle 9 obverse 1 reverse
Dimes 9 " — —

Also in the same box, 20 obverse Trade Dollar dies, in part of your requisition of the 2d of February inst.

Express receipt enclosed.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

February 6 8

Dear Sir,

The silver dollar before 1834, was of course worth *legally* the same as a gold dollar, say 27 grains of gold at $916\frac{2}{3}$ thous. fine. What the comparative value was, in *trade* or *commerce*, is a matter not in our line, & I cannot inform you.

Respy yours

J. H. Gibbon

Supt.

Prof. Charles Phillips

University of N. C.

Charlotte N.C.

Feby 6 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 4th inst., has been received

Congress never authorized, nor has the Mint ever issued gold coins of a less denomination than one dollar.

The 25 and 50 cent pieces, specified in your letter, and purporting to be gold, are fraudulent, and it is an indictable offence to make or circulate them. They were manufactured some years ago in Kansas, but I do not know where they come from now. Their intrinsic value, according to our assays, is only 11 cts and 6¼ cents respectively.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Y. J. Newman Esq.
Zanesville, Ohio

Feby 6 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th inst. has been received.

As a public accommodation, we make assays of ores to see if they contain gold or silver, (but not for other metals) at a charge of $5. prepaid for each piece assayed, to cover the expense of the assay.

One pound of ore, if a fair average specimen, will be sufficient for the purpose. The freight must be prepaid.

We cannot promise a report under two weeks after the ore is received.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Dr. L. M. Underwood.
Rushville. Ill.

Feb. 7, 1878.

(Telegram)

To Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

Remmey has delivered twenty porcelain pots for San Francisco seven bad ones, and Booth must test the rest before giving safe opinion on quality.

Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint.

Feby 7 8

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 6th inst, with regard to the 25 porcelain pots to be delivered to our Melter & Refiner to be tested for the Mint at San Francisco I to day sent you the following telegram, which is made official

"Remney has delivered twenty porcelain pots for San Francisco seven bad ones; and Booth must test the rest before giving safe opinion on quality."

The Melter & Refiner informs me that he cannot properly test the remaining 13 pots on hand

under a week or ten days. It
is work that cannot be crowded
I will communicate to Mr.
Remmey, your request for the
prompt delivery of the stip-
ulated number of pots for trial.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 7 8.

Sir.

The Director of the Mint writes me that he is very desirous that your proposal to furnish 35 porcelain pots for the Mint at San Francisco, should be closed up according to agreement, and requests that you will deliver to this Mint for trial, the remaining number of pots still due. Please give the matter your immediate attention.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mr.
R. C. Remmey.
Philada

February 7th 8

Sir:

I hand you herewith my a/c of "Ordinary Expenses" for the month of January 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Feby 7 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 6th inst, advising me of the shipment to this Mint from the Mint at San Francisco, of sample Trade Dollar and Double Eagle dies, and enclosing copy of directions with regard to them from the Coiner of that Mint, has been received.

The box referred to also came to hand by Express, but on being opened was found to contain only one pair of Trade Dollar dies, and one collar, but no double eagle dies. Your directions in this matter will

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be promptly carried out, except as to the missing Double Eagle dies, and report made to you as requested.

The freight on the box of dies was $8,00 which Mr. Geo. C. Thompson was, according to their rule, obliged to pay at the main office of the Adams Express Co, before he could bring the box to the Mint. As the amount is legitimately chargeable to the Mint at San Francisco, I enclose a duplicate receipted bill for payment out of the appropriations to that Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Feby 7th 8

Sir.

As our stock of Silver Bullion is now reduced to about 580.000 Standard ounces, and this almost entirely in Clippings, the fresh bar silver on hand being only about 140.000 Standard ounces, the Melter & Refiner has suggested that it would be as well to have a transfer of bars from the Assay Office in order that no time may be lost in his department in getting out his regular number of daily melts. The subject is respectfully submitted. Very Respectfully Yo.

Ja. A. Bluoe

Capt

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington DC

Feby 8 8

Sir.

The statistics called for in your letter of the 7th inst, you will find in the enclosed circular, and the Directors reports herewith mailed to you.

The Act of 1853 did not make any change in the silver coinage.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Hon.
G. L. Eberhart.
Harrisburg
Pa

Feby 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 24th of Jan has been received.

As a public accommodation the Mint makes assays of gold and silver ores, as other duties permit. The charge is $5. currency, for each specimen assayed, to cover the expense of the assay. From half a pound to a pound of ore, of a fair average, would be sufficient for the purpose.

I could not promise a report under two weeks after the ore is received.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Mr
Jas. H. Bacon,
Warm Springs P.O.
Deer Lodge Co. Montana)

Feby 8 8

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward.

1. Statement of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production deposited during the month of January 1878.

2. Statement of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion during the month of January 1878. Also, Statement of Bars manufactured during the same month.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Feby 8 8

Sir.

If they can be spared I wish you would send me 25 copies of your Annual Report for 1876, and the same number of your Report for 1877.

There is an unusual popular demand for the information they contain.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 8 8

Sir.

I herewith forward State-ments of the Melter & Refiners Bullion operations and Gold and Silver meltings for the month of January 1878.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 8 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 5th inst, has been received.

The copper-nickel 3¢ pieces were first coined in 1865. the copper-nickel 5¢ pieces in 1866; and the bronze 2¢ pieces in 1864. The first two are still coined, but the coinage of the 2¢ piece, the silver 5¢ piece and 3, piece, and the silver dollar of 412½ grains, ceased on the 1st of April 187

The silver 20¢ pieces were coined in 1876, but the Mint cannot furnish them. If you want specimens you must apply to coin dealers.

Very Respectfully
Supt

H. C. Collins, Esq
Chicago, Ill.

Feb 8 8

Assay of a sample of gold chain, from W. M. Fisher & Co. Providence, R. I.

Fineness 584 thous: equal to 14 Karats.

Mint charge $1. — Paid.

Ja. R. Eckfeldt
Assr.

Feby 8 8

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward, Gold Workings and Silver Workings in the Coiners Department for the month of January 1878,

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 8   8

Sir.

Your letter of the 7th inst, has been received.

I had hoped to be able to send you a specimen silver dollar from the Morgan dies, by tomorrow (Saturday) mail, but shall be disappointed in this expectation.

Mr. Morgan has not been here to day, and Mr. Barber says that he has been since last Tuesday preparing the dies by hardening &c. but cant say how much longer it may take, probably until Tuesday or Wednesday next.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.

Feby 8 8

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 6th inst, I herewith forward a report from our Coiner, of the result of his experiments in piling Trade Dollars coined at this Mint, and the Mint at San Francisco, together with his comments on the manner in which Trade Dollars are struck at the latter Mint.

From my personal examination into this matter, this report has my own official approval.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Feby 9 8

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending Feby 9. 1878.

Very Respectfully

Jas R [illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 11 [illegible]8

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 6th inst, I send you to day by the Adams Express Co, $52.[illegible] gold coin and 10 cents silver, the net proceeds of the button of gold specified in your letter, as per the Assayers report, herewith enclosed. Forty cents was applied to the payment of the Express charges on the button.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

Feby 9 8

Dear Sir

We have not the least idea of what you mean, by "A Table of Alloys for Gold and Silver."

In regard to the difficulty which you sometimes meet with, finding your mixture sometimes tough and sometimes brittle, we have been asked the same question by jewelers here.

Supposing that you use our gold coin, adding silver & copper, you are in danger of creating a dioxide of copper by too high a heat, which will certainly cause brittleness. You should therefore use the lowest heat that will give fluidity; and as a flux, use borax, with a little carbonate of potash, or soda.

Yours respy
W E DuBois
Assayer

Mr J. L. Vredenburgh
Austin, Texas.

Feby 11 8

Sir

I have to day forwarded to the Supt of the Mint at San-Francisco, by the Adams Express Co, seven (7) obverse Trade Dollar dies in full of the balance due on your requisition of the 2d inst, for 30 of these dies.

Express receipt herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfull
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC.

Feby 12 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 11th inst. rec'd.

Trade Dollars, and halves, quarters and dimes, are of the same fineness and the difference in the value of the metal they contain is the difference in weight.

You cannot have your trade dollars received at the Mint, because

1. It would be contrary to law.
2. Halves, quarters and dimes are made for the U. S. Government only and not for private depositors.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Mr. J. A. Petrie.
Jersey City
N. J.

Feby 12th 8

Sir.

In reply to your telegram of this date, asking for a statement of the approximate amount of Profit on the Nickel 5¢ pieces to date, I have to state that the best estimate that can be obtained would place the amount at $4.618.47 2/. — or thereabouts.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 14 8

Sir.

Yours of the 12th inst received, There is no provision of law for the redemption or exchange of silver coins. The Mint could not take them.

Very Respectfully
Supt

Jno D. Scully Esq. Car
Pittsburg
Pa

Feby 14 8

Sir.

The Trade Dollar enclosed in your letter of the 11th inst, was struck at the U. S. Mint at San-Francisco. The split was owing to some defect in the rolled strip from which it was cut, and the piece has got into circulation by accident. I herewith send you another, from the same Mint, in its place.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr.
H. P. Espy. Esq.
Urbana.
Ohio.

Feby 14 8

Sir,

Your letter of the 11th inst received.

I enclose you the circulars called for, and also send you by this mail the last two annual reports of the Director of the Mint.

A large volume on coins, by James Ross Snowden, Esq. was published some years ago by J. B. Lippincott & Co of this City, and recently a small volume on "Money and Legal Tender in the United States" by Dr. H. R. Linderman, Director of the Mint, was published by G. P. Putnams Sons, New York.

Very Respectfully,

Mr.
John C. Ellis,
St Louis, Mo.

Feby 14 8

Sir:

Your postal card of the 11th inst, is received.

The Mint will receive your old silver coins by weight as bullion, and after melting and assaying them, pay for them by the ounce fine, in gold coin, at very nearly the London quotation for silver bullion, on the day your coins are deposited at the Mint. I enclose a Mint circular.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
R. E. Hills.
Delaware, Ohio

Feby 14 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th inst. has been received.

The first U. S. silver dollar was coined in 1794.

The market value of your dollar of 1797, can best be ascertained by writing to coin dealers who make it a business to buy and sell old coins. We have a dollar of 1797 in the Mint Cabinet, and do not need another.

I herewith mail you the two last Mint reports.

Very Respectfully,

Jas Pollock

Supt.

Mr. R. H. Fox,
Mt. Washington.
Ky.

Feby 14 8

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Bill of Lading for the Humid Assay bottles forwarded to you on the 25th of January ultimo.

Very Respectfully

Supt

James Crawford, Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
Carson
Nev.

Feby 15 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 14th inst. has been received.

The 22d of February being a holiday, the Mint is generally closed on that day, and on other State and National holidays.

It is open, free to visitors, from 9 to 12 o'clock, every week day, except the few holidays referred to, and the week or ten days the last of June, when it is closed for the Annual Settlement.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Mr. E. R. Carter.
New York

Feby 15 8

Sir.

Referring to your letter (S. G of the 11th inst, I herewith forward C/D of the 14th inst, No. 137 for $1.459.72 in gold coin, on your coin transfer account, being the bullion value of $ 473. in light gold coin, specified in your letter.

Very respectfully

Hon.
Jas. Gilfillan
Treas. U. S.
Washington
D.C.

Febry. 15th 8

Sir.

I return herewith the Rolls received in your letter of the 14th. with the required corrections.

I also forward Duplicate Bill of the Ordinary (Petty) Expense &c. to replace the one missing.

Very Respectfully
Ja. A. Black
Supt

Hon. D W Mahan
1st Auditor
U.S. Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Feby 15th 8

Sir.

I have to day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson, by the Adams Express Co. the following, to complete your requisition of Oct 17. 1877.

Half Dollar,	28	Obverse
Quarter do	18	do.
Dime	18	do.

Express receipt enclosed

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Feby 16 8

Sir:

It is very desirable that we should have in the Mint Library, for convenient reference a full set of the Revised Statutes of the United States; and understanding that they can be furnished by the Department, will you please give directions to have a set forwarded to this Mint as soon as may be convenient.

Very respectfully
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Feby 16

Sir.

Enclosed herewith
forward, Coiners Weekly Re t
of Coinage executed at this nt
for week ending Feby 16. 18 5.
Very Respectfu

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Feby 16 8

Sir,

I herewith forward for the Secretary of the Treasury C/D of this date, No. 4121, for $\$120^{57}$ coin, on account of Parting, Refining and Bar Charges.

Very Respectfu

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 18 8

Sir,

Your letter of the 16th inst, was received this morning.

On the 2d of February inst, I wrote you, directed to the Cincinnati P.O. (the only address you gave me) that I could not recoin your old silver, but could convert it into fine bars for you, and have been waiting ever since to hear from you.

I have now to add that under recent instructions from Washington, I can pay for your silver in gold coin, after it is melted and assayed at the rate of half a cent per ounce price, less than the London price of silver Bullion. If this will suit you, let me know.

Call at the Cincinnati post Office, and get my former letter and the circular enclosed with it.

Very Respectfully
Jas. [illegible]
Supt.

Mr.
Chas. Hedrick
Newport
Ky

Feby 18 8

Sir:

Upon the recommendation of the Coiner, herewith enclosed, I have increased the compensation of Daniel S. Fuller, Counter in the Coiners department, from $3.75 to $4.00 per diem, the same as the other male counters.

I have also increased the per diem of Amos Q. Sayres, Laborer, in the general department from $2. to $2.50. Mr. Sayres has proven so obliging, efficient and useful that I deem it a duty to the service as well as to himself, to make this increase. It is deserved.

I submit the increase in both cases for your approval, and desire that they shall take effect from the 1st of Feby, inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 18 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 9th inst. enclosing $1.25 in mutilated small silver coins, was duly received.

I herewith send you, in return, one dollar in currency, which is rather more than th. are worth.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

B. G. Underwood Esq
Receiving Teller.
Treasury Department
Washington
D.C.

Feby 18 8

Sir.

I have in my custody the following sums, being the amount of reserved coins for the calendar year 1877, from the respective Mints at San Francisco and at Carson, for the annual assay held at this Mint on the 13th & 14th of February inst.

Mint at San Francisco.

Gold coins	$35,110.00
Trade Dollar pieces	4 806.00
Subsidiary Silver	$2,580.50

Mint at Carson.

Gold coins	$965.00
Trade Dollar pieces	72.00
Subsidiary Silver coins	$1, 64.00

I have to request that I be relieved from the custody of these coins at your earliest convenience. Last year (March 8. 1877) U. S. Treasurer Wyman, issued Transfer orders, Nos 4805-8, covering the annual assay coins from the Western Mints into the Bullion Fund. I suppose that would be the quickest and best way of doing it now.

It is my earnest desire that the matter shall receive early attention.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 19

Sir,

Referring to your letter (S.G.) of the 12th inst, I herewith enclose C/D. of the 18th inst, No [illegible] 1879, for $26.12 silver coin, [illegible] currency transfer account, [illegible] the bullion value of $2.97 [illegible] mutilated silver 3¢ pieces [illegible] fied in your letter.

Very Respec[illegible]

Hon.
Jas. Gilfillan
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Feby. 19th 8

Sir.

In reply to your inquiry under yesterday's date asking for a statement of the amount of Unpaid Gold & Silver Deposits on the 31st ulto. I state the Gold to be $234.342.44

Silver	972.30
Silver Purchases	973.16
Total	$236.287.20

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 19 8

Sir.

Your note of the 17th inst has been received.

You cannot buy coin silver of the Mint, but can doubtless procure it of specie brokers.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Mr.
S. Spaulding
Gt Valley
N. Y.

Feby 20 8

Sir.

In compliance with instructions contained in the latter part of your letter of October 18. 1877, I send you to day by the Adams Express Co, two (2) Eagles, and (2) Half Eagles, in gold, struck from dies prepared by our Engraver, Mr. Barber, in accordance with the directions contained in your letter. I also as requested, enclose for payment the Coiners bill $30. gold, for the value of the gold and silver contained in these four pieces.

I also, as afterwards requested send you in the same package, on

Eagle, and one Half Eagle, in
copper, from Mr. Barber's design,
and in an other envelope, two
Eagles, and two Half Eagles, in
copper, from same design, in
all, three each.

Referring to our conversation
on the subject last week, I also
send in the package, an assay
medal, for President Hayes, and
one for Secretary Sherman, which
I will thank you to present
to them with my compliments.

Very Respectfully,
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Feby 20 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst. has been received.

By several early Acts of Congress, certain foreign coins, including Mexican dollars, were authorized to pass current, some by specified weight, others at their nominal value, but all these acts were repealed by the Act of Feb'y 21. 1857, and so remain. The Revised Statutes of June 22. 1874, provide that "No foreign gold or silver coins shall be a legal tender in payment of debts."

The intrinsic value of foreig

coins is fixed by Section 3564 of the Revised Statutes, and the annual circular issued in pursuance thereof.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

H. P. Espy, Cashier
Urbana
Ohio

Febry 20 8

Dear Sir,

The gold coins of this country, & of France, are of the same standard fineness; 900 parts in a thousand. – Those of England are $916\frac{2}{3}$; an awkward fraction in decimal figures, but making the even 22 karats, in the old notation.

The above is sufficient for your purpose; the values of even weights being in the proportion of 9 to $9\frac{1}{6}$. But if you wish to be very exact, the French coins are rarely over 899 thousandths, in practice.

Respectfully yours
Jas R Snowden
Supdt

C. G. Rockwood Esq
Cashier &c. &c. Newark N.J.

Feby 20   8

Dear Sir

The Roman denarius (in New Testament denarion) weighed 55 to 60 grains, and was worth about 15 cents, in the time of Augustus. It gradually declined, after that era.

There was always some variety in the legends of these coins; not much, however, under Tiberius. Usually they show his head, with TI. CAESAR DIVI. AVG. F. AVGVSTVS. (Tiberius Caesar, Emperor, son of the divine Augustus.) – On the reverse, the emperor seated; with PONTIFEX MAXIMVS. (Chief Priest. One of the imperial titles, long after, assumed by the Popes.)

Respectfully yours

Jas Pollock
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Supt

Mr. C. P. Osborne
Southampton, Conn.

Feb 20 8

Dear Sir

The mineral sent by you is Kaolin mixed with silex. It might be used for a coarser kind of pottery.

Truly yours

Supt

Mr G. H. Broyles
Osceola
St. Clair Co
Missouri

Feb 21 8

Dear Sir — The coin you sent, (herewith returned) is counterfeit, containing a little silver but not worth taking out. The impressions seem to be from good dies, which is a mystery; also the rubbing, the reason for which we do not see. It is not usual to try to make a false coin more suspicious.

Yours respy

Jas.

Supt.

Mr. D. Stevenson
New York.

Febry 21 8

Dear Sir

Your mineral specimen is received. We cannot assay and certify, unless the mint charge is paid; which is five dollars.

Respy yours
Jas Pollock
Supdt

Dr Jay Grey Lewis
Fulton
Arkansas

See p 257

Feby 21 8

Sir,

Your letter of Jany 18th was received January 23d, and a reply prepared January 24th, which I just discover was mislaid and never mailed. I therefore answer it now.

The deposit you refer to, No 7657, $1433.06 was paid December 30, 1857, and receipted on the Mint books by Richard Ness

Very Respectfully

Sup

Mr.
Wm Shaw,
London
Canada.

Feb 21 8

Sir

Your minerals are not worth any thing. One of them looks a little like gold ore, but there is no gold in it.

Yours &c.

Jos Henry

Secdt.

Mr C. F. Crim
Lovetsville
London Co. Va.

Feby. 21 8

Sir

In further answer to your letter of the 6th inst, and its copy of a letter from the Coiner of the San Francisco Mint, I herewith forward a communication from Mr. Barber, Engraver of the Mint, reporting the results of his examination of the two obverse trade dollar dies from the Mint at San Francisco, referred to in your letter, which had been broken in hardening.

I invite your attention to the facts he gives; to his view as to the means of reducing the breakage of dies to the lowest point, and to his suggestive tables of the average number of pieces struck from dies at our three Mints, and at the British Mint.

I also enclose a separate communication from the Engraver giving the names of the experts in this Mint, who acted with him in the examination referred to, and who coincide with him in the views he has expressed, and the conclusions at which he has arrived, and which from my own observation, meet my approval.

The Double Eagle dies which Mr. Ecrott says were forwarded, have not yet come to hand.

The dies and collars he calls for, will be forwarded to

San Francisco, as soon as the collars, which are not yet completed, are ready, which will be in a few days.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 21 8

Sir.

I herewith forward C/d of this date, No. 1607, in my name, to your credit, for $4,000, as a transfer of funds, on account of subsidiary silver coin.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon.
Jas. Gilfillan.
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Feby 23 8

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward a Quarter Eagle of our current coinage, in exchange for the one transmitted for that purpose in your letter of the 21st inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Burd
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

Feby 23 8

Sir

Enclosed I forward for your approval the bill in duplicate of Herbert G. Torry, Assayer New York Assay Office, for $14.84, the amount of his expenses in attending the recent Annual Assay.

Very Respectfu

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Feby 20 8

Sir

Your inquiry of the 19th inst. has been received.

The Mint is not coining Trade Dollars, and when it does never has them for sale or exchange.

You can probably buy them of Brokers.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
G. W. Tyler & Co.
Paw Paw
Michigan.

Feby 23 8

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending Feby 23. 1878.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

February 23   8

Sir

Your letter of the 21st, in relation to the transfer of the Booth collection of minerals, has been received. The young men of the Assay Department are now engaged in packing them. They will be sent in the original trays, with their labels; and a list will also be made out and forwarded.

It will of course take some days to complete this work.

In any future offerings of interesting minerals, or metallic preparations, we will have it in view to add to your display.

Very respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director U. M.

Feby 23d 8

Sir

I return herewith Mint receipt No. 1361, received in your letter of the 21st inst, with endorsement completed.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Feby 28 8

Sir:

In compliance with your suggestion when here at the Annual Assay, and repeated since, I have appointed H. J. Hunter, as a special employe in the Engravers department, for the period of two months from confirmation, at $3, per diem, to be occupied in hardening dies, and submit the same for approval.

The Engravers nomination is herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully;

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Feby 23 8

Sir:

My Cashier informs me that the vaults in this Mint available for the storage of silver coin will not accommodate more than $100,000. in addition to the stock on hand.

Under the circumstances, and with the large required coinage of silver dollars which may be anticipated, it is very desirable that application should be made to the Department for the transfer of such an amount of subsidiary silver coin as would relieve our vaults, and afford us the additional space that will be needed.

We have now in store the following sums;

In Half Dollars $620,000.
" Quarter do $500,000.
" Dimes $158,000.

Of these amounts we could very well spare the following.

In Half Dollars $300,000.
" Quarter do $300,000.
" Dimes $100,000.

and if transfer orders could be issued accordingly, it would afford this much relief, and greatly facilitate our operations when we get to work on the proposed silver dollars.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Feby 23 8

Sir,

Since receiving your letter of the 21st inst, I have conferred with Mr Morgan, and he reports that he expects to have the alterations you suggested in his design for the new silver dollar, completed in time to strike a specimen by Tuesday next, the 26th inst. When struck, I will forward it to you without delay.

In anticipation of the general instructions on the subject contained in your letter, I had already conferred with the operative officers of the Mint, and directed that every possible preparatory arrangement should be made for the anticipated coinage of silver dollars.

As soon as I am advised by you that the bill has become a law, we shall set to work immediately to complete the manufacture of working dies, collars &c. and the preparation of dollar ingots. We shall commence striking silver dollars at the very earliest practicable moment, and 'push things' energetically, with a desire and determination to promptly meet the public expectations in this regard. The full manufacturing resources of the Mint will be brought into play for this purpose, and held to their utmost point of efficiency.

Very r

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

Feby 25. 1878

Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

We need at once five hundred dollars in gold coin for expenses of Refinery for this month. Formal requisition will be mailed to-day. Please anticipate

Jas Crawford
Supt Mint

Feby 25 8

Sir:

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury in my favor as Superintendent of this Mint, for the sum of Five Hundred (500) Dollars, in gold coin, to meet expenses of the Refinery for the current month of February. The money is needed immediately so that the Refiner can make up his account.

Very Respectfully,

[illegible]

Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Feby 25   8

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th inst. has been received.

The Mint has no catalogue, or price list, of old coins. Your application should be made to coin dealers.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

F. B. Mason, Esq
San Antonio
Texas.

Feby 25 8

Sir

Your letter of the 23d ins
has been received.

The Mint has not offered $1
or any other sum, for a copper
cent of 1799. We have specimens
in the Mint cabinet, and do no
need any more.

Very Respectfully
Jno [illegible]
Supt

Mr.
H. C. Young
Columbia
Pa

Feby 26 8

Sir.

Your inquiries of the 23d inst, have been received.

The gold dollar weighs 25.8 grains, and is 900 fine.

The proposed new silver dollar if the bill becomes a law, will weigh 412 1/2 grains, and be 900 fine that is, nine tenths pure metal.

The Mint does not buy gold. The daily market price of gold and silver you will find in the money article of the Public Ledger.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock Supt

Thos. H. Shoemaker Esq
Germantown Pa

Feby 25 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st inst, has been received.

It is not in my power to comply with your request. A very few specimens of two designs for the proposed new silver dollar were struck for the inspection of the authorities at Washington, but none for sale or general distribution.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

H. M. Butler, Esq
St. Paul
Minn.

Feby 25

Sir,

I herewith enclose my requisition of this date for $500, gold coin, for account of Refinery Expenses for the current month. I was of the impression that this requisition had been made the first of the month, and that the draft had been received long ago, but the records of our correspondence dont show this to be the case.

Very Respectfully,
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Feby 26 8

Sir

The slight modifications in Mr Morgans reverse die for the new silver dollar, suggested by you when here, have been completed, and a specimen dollar has been struck, which I herewith forward to you, as requested in your letter of the 21st inst. Please remit the value.

Very Respectful

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 25, 1878

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th inst, enclosing a communication from Geo B. Newton & Co. relative to coal furnished by them to the Mint, and the price to be paid for the same has been received.

The facts are as follows. Prior to January 1. 1878 the price paid by the Mint for coal was $4.90 per ton of 2240 lbs. In December 1877 I issued proposals to a number of prominent coal dealers, including Newton & Co asking bids for coal to be furnished the Mint for six months from January 1. 1878. The bids received ranged from $4,40 to $5,50 per ton. The bids were submitted to you, and with your approval the contract was awarded to Brenson & Bro, at $4,40 per ton. Newton & Co and H. C. Pollock had supplied the Melter and Refiner with coal at the old contract price $4.90. The orders for coal given by the M & R never referred to the price, only the quantity; the price always being determined by the contract of the period in which the coal was delivered. When the agent of Newton & Co, the latter part of December 1877, presented their bill for the coal previously furnished by them, I gave him verbal notice, to be communicated to the firm he then, and had previously represented, that as the price of coal for the next six months, from Jany 1. 1878, had been fixed at $4.40 per ton, and approved by the Director, that thereafter all coal delivered by the firm would be paid for at that price, or the delivery to cease; and subsequently he informed me that he had so notified the firm; but notwithstanding the notice, coal was delivered by them during the month of January, the firm alleging that as the order from the Melter & Refiner was for 60 tons, the price of coal when the order was given should be the price for the whole amount, and without regard to the period of delivery. In law the verbal notice was sufficient, and if the agent gave me the true information, the firm received it. Others who received the same notice were paid $4.40 without objection.

I only desire to put myself right upon the record; not wishing to appear as paying a higher price ($4.90) for coal of the same quality delivered under the same circumstances, and during the same period, than the general contract price, $4.40.

The amount at issue is small, I have no personal feeling in the matter, I merely wish to do what is right in the premises.

As they have appealed to you, if under the circumstances, abo set forth, you think $4.90 shou be paid, I will at once comply with your directions.

I herewith return their lette

of Feby 20. 1878, and bill
for the coal, as requested.

Very Respectfully
Jas. [illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feb. 26 8

Dear Sir

The specimen you sent is a good iron ore: nothing more.

Yours respy

Supdt.

Mr B. M. Whitney
Sandy Mountain
Llano Co. Texas

Feby 26 8

Sir

In compliance with your request and remittance of the 20th inst, I herewith forward two Quarter Eagles of the coinage of 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 26 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th inst, has been received.

I have been advised by the Director of the Mint, of the purchase of silver bullion you refer to, but I cannot remit you an approximate payment for your first deposit until I have been placed in funds for that purpose, which may be in a day or two, the time necessary to make the proper Treasury transfers.

Very Respectfully

Jas. [illegible]

Supt

Messrs.

J & W. Seligman & Co.

New York.

P.S.

I can send you a check tomorrow

Feby 26 8

Sir

I have received your two letters of the 25th inst, and your telegram of this date, advising me of the purchase from Messrs. J. & Wm. Seligman & Co. of New York of 200,000 ounces of fine silver, for delivery at this Mint, free of expense, at one hundred and twenty and three quarters (120¾) cents per ounce fine, payable in gold coin, by my check to their order on the Asst. Treasurer U. S. at New-York; and that the bullion fund of this Mint would be increased $200.000, and placed to my credit with the

Asst Treasurer, for this purpose.

We have received from the Messrs Seligman & Co, to day, on account the first consignment of 49.625.44 ounces, and I will be able by to morrow to remit them an approximate payment if I should be advised by that time that the proper transfer has been made, and the funds subject to my draft.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

P. S. I find I have a balance in New York of $60,364.76, on which I can check to morrow. JP

Feby. 26th 8

Gentlemen,

I enclose Check No. 6876 in your favor for Forty five thousand (45.000) Dollars, Gold coin, being an approximate payment for the first shipment of Silver Bullion purchased from you by the Director of the Mint at the rate of $1.20 3/4 per oz. fine.

Please acknowledge receipt for same per enclosed forms.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Messrs J & W. Seligman & Co
New York

Feby 26th 8

Sir

I draw this day Check No. 6876 in favor of J & W. Seligman & Co, for $45.000, Gold Coin, being payment for a/c of Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Feby 26 8

Sir:

Yours of the 25th inst. is received.

I can now send you specimens (two in number) of the proposed dollar, as requested in your former letters.

A few have been struck for official inspection only, and none are for sale; or for distribution.

If you send me two trade dollars or two gold dollars, I will forward to your address by Express, the two specimens above specified, and authorized to be sent by the Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Mr.
J. F. Montague.
New-York.

Feby 27 8.

Sir.

Yours of the 20th inst has been received.

Silver five cent pieces were struck in 1849.

You should apply to coin dealers, or collectors, for a specimen.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr
B. F. Goff.
Reading
Pa.

Feby 27 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th inst, in reference to the transfer of portion of our subsidiary coinage from the Mint, to give us more vault room, has been received.

As suggested by you in the latter part of your letter, the casting of ingots for subsidiary silver coins has been suspended, and we shall continue to put the Mint in thorough working condition, for the coinage of the new silver dollars, when the bill becomes a law.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Feby 27   8

Sir,

If you will return the enclosed warrant with your signature attached to the receipt at the bottom, I will have your bill paid for $\$4^{\underline{80}}$ the amount of your expenses for attending the annual assay.

You will please inform me how I shall remit the money: whether by mail or express.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Colwell
Supt

H. G. Torrey, Esq.
U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Feby 27 8

Sir.

Yours of the 25th inst, with enclosures, has been received.

We send the only catalogue of medals and coins for sale at the Mint.

The 20¢ piece, the impression of which you sent, was not coined for circulation. A few were struck simply as specimens for official examination in selecting designs. Its circulation I presume was accidental.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. John Marr.
Rochester. N.Y.

U. S. Mint.

Feby 28. 1878.

The following is the report by the Assayer of the N. Y. Assay Office of the assay of test coins issued at this Mint in Feby 1878.

Denomination		Weight	Fineness	
		grs. act	gold.	silver
Half dollar.	X	192.7	trace	900.4
" "	=	192.15	"	900.2
Quarter "	X	96.25	"	899.6
" "	=	96.65	"	899.7
Dime	X	39.20	.12	899.7
"	=	38.27	.2	900.4

James Pollock
Supt
per WBP

The above report was handed to the Assayer. Coiner. and Melt & Refiner.

Feby 28 8

Sir.

I have received your letter of the 26th inst, remitting one dollar in payment for a specimen silver dollar from the improved Morgan dies, forwarded to you on the 25th inst.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

Feby 28 8

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for month of February 1878.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Feby 28 8

Sir,

I have this morning received your letter of the 27th inst, advising me of the purchase of five hundred thousand ounces fine silver from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, at one hundred and twenty and a half cents (120½) per ounce fine in gold coin, and directing the mode and terms of payment.

Will you please inform me by whom the freight on this silver is to be paid, whether by the Bank or by this Mint. The Express Agent wishes to know.

I have advices from the Asst

Treasurer. U. S. at New York, that the bullion fund of this Mint in his hands, subject to my official draft, has been increased by the sum of one million of dollars in gold coin.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Feby 28 8–

Sir.

The minerals and ores &c, for your Bureau are now packed in 18 boxes, and will be forwarded by freight line tomorrow or the day after. The catalogue will also be ready by that time, and will be duly forwarded to you.

Very Respectfully
Jas. [illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 28 8

Sir,

At the close of business the day, I made the usual monthly count and examination of the mon in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following resu

Gold.	$2.517.9[illegible] 3
Silver.	1.404.8[illegible]
Refining & Parting a/c.	3[illegible]0.[illegible]
Ordinary a/c regular.	10.211
Minor Coinage.	70.180
" Coins Exchanged.	4.916
" " Re-issued.	30.352
" Coinage Redemption.	[illegible]78.[illegible]90
	$4317226

which corresponds with his bo

I also made examination into the general condition and operations of the Mint, and the institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 1 8

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward oath of office of H. J. Hunter, Special Employe, Engravers Department, this Mint.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

March 1st 8

My Dear Sir.

I am this morning in receipt of your letter of the 26th ult, enclosing $1. in currency, and requesting me to send you in return a silver dollar as finally agreed upon for the new coinage.

This is not in my power to do. No pattern pieces will be struck, and if you will look at the silver bill, which has just become a law, you will find that it does not make any provision for disbursement of the new silver dollar, when coined. It is for the Secretary of the Treasury determine how they shall be paid out. I have no power to do any thing but coin and deliver them to the Treasurer U. S. upon transfer orders received. I cannot sell or exchange them at the Mint, or even procure one for my own use.

The dollar enclosed in your letter is herewith returned.

The new silver dollar will be added to our proof set, in the course of say, six weeks, when the specified dies for that purpose can be prepared, but the price for the proof dollar when ready, will be $1.50 in currency. or in subsidiary silver.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Chas. Beardsley, Esq.,
Burlington
Io.

No 3

March 1st. 8

Sir:

In reply to yours of Feb. 28th ultimo, relative to the apparent discrepancy between the coin balances carried on the balance sheet and daily reports, and the balances by actual count, I have to say:

The discrepancy arises from mixed payments on Gold and Silver Certificates of Deposit, the sale of subsidiary coin for gold at par under Section 28 of the Coinage Act of 1873, and the conversion of minor coins into silver for purposes of exchange in payments.

In further elucidation of the matter I beg leave to submit the following statement:

Silver Bal. by actual count	$1,368,828.32
" " " Balance Sheet	1,362,510.37
" Excess	6,317.95
Gold Bal. by daily report	$1,520,925.48
" " " actual count	1,515,129.76
" Deficit	5,795.72
Deducting from Silver Excess	$6,317.95
Deficit in Gold, as above	5,795.72
there appears a difference (Excess) of	$522.23

which measures the conversion of minor coins to facilitate the transaction of business in gold and silver payments.

Adding the Gold and Silver balances per daily report (Feb. 26th.) we have the following:

Gold as per daily report	$1,520,925.48
Silver " " "	1,362,510.37
Total " " "	2,883,435.85

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Adding the balances by actual count, we have the following:

Gold by actual count	$1,515,129.76
Silver " " "	1,368,828.32
Total " " "	2,883,958.08
" " daily report	2,883,435.86
Difference (excess)	$522.22

being the same result as obtained by deducting deficit in gold from excess in silver, above.

This excess of assets over liabilities in coin is compensated by a corresponding deficit in Minor Coinage Account.

Very respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon. J. B. Hawley,
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Chas. Beardsley,
Burlington [illegible]

May 1st 8

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 6877 for Fourteen thousand eight hundred & fifty nine ^{74} (14.859^{74}) Dollars, Gold Coin, in payment in full for first Shipment of Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ 120¼ ct. per ounce fine, as per memorandum enclosed.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Messrs. J & W. Seligman & Co
New York

May 1st 8

Sir

I draw this day Check No. 6877 in favor of Messrs. J & W. Seligman & Co. New York, for \$14.859.74 Gold Coin, in payment for silver bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. Tho. C. Hillhouse
Asst. Treasurer U S
New York.

March 1 8

Sir.

Your telegram of to day and your communication of yesterday, by mail, have been duly received.

I had an immediate conference with Mr. Morgan who will proceed with all possible dispatch to complete the hubs for his design, which you inform me has been accepted.

Our Engraver, Mr. Barber, has been instructed, and will proceed as soon as possible, to make the requisite collars and working dies.

I have directed the Melter and

Refiner to put his whole available force and furnaces to work turning out ingots for the new silver dollars, and deliver to the Coiner daily, all the ingots the latter can receive, and to store in his vaults any ingots that may be over from time to time until the Coiner can take them.

The Coiner has been instructed to roll the ingots, and cut, anneal, mill, and clean planchets to as large an amount daily as the facilities at his command will permit, and to accumulate as large a store of finished planchets as may be possible, so that when the working dies are ready we can proceed immediately to strike dollars to the full capacity of our coining presses, and maintain thereafter as con tinuous and large an outturn of these coins as the operative force and machinery of the Mint will permit.

When the dies for this Mint are ready, I will then forward dies and collars to the Mint at Carson, and at San Francisco in their order, as directed.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 1st 8

Sir:

I have received your letter of Feby 28th advising me of your purchase from Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co. of New York for delivery at this Mint, of 200.000 ozs. fine silver at 120.57 cents per ounce fine, and directing the manner of payment, which will be observed.

In this connection I am anxious to be relieved of a large portion of our subsidiary silver coins on hand, as soon as may be, to give us vault room for the new silver dollars.

I have also earnestly to

request, that you will regulate the amount of silver bullion you send to us, so as not to exceed our vault capacity.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

March 2   8

Sir:

The following instructions with regard to the coinage of the new silver dollars have been received this morning from the Director of the Mint, and you will please govern yourself accordingly.

"The tolerance on the weight of the single piece will be that fixed by the Act of 1837, viz: One and a half grains; the variation from fineness by the same Act is three thousandths, being the same as in the Coinage Act of 1873. In the deliveries from the Coiner to the Superintendent the provisions of the Coinage Act of 1873 will be conformed to."

"It being necessary that your Mint should be brought without delay to its maximum capacity, you will, in connection with the operative Officers, arrange the working force in such manner as will best ensure that result, and you are authorized to procure all necessary materials, apparatus &c required, and to work extra hours whenever the same can be advantageously employed.

The adjusting force will be immediately brought into effective condition, and one or two additional tables provided, for which it will be necessary to reoccupy that portion of the adjusting room now occupied a a lunch room."

Very Respectfully

Jas. Bryan

Supt.

O. C. Bostyshell, Esq.

Coroner

March 2 8

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending March 2. 1878.

Very Respectfully

Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

March 2 8

Sir

The Director of the Mint requires the working dies for the new silver dollar to be got ready as soon as possible; and in a letter received from him this morning, directs that the full force of the Engravers department must be applied to the preparation of silver dollar dies.

He adds, further, "It is important that the working dies for all three Mints be prepared as rapidly as possible, and to this end the Engr and the assistants and employes of that Office must for the required time give exclusive attention."

"I desire to secure perfect uniformity in the silver dollars to be issued from the three Mints, particularly in their diameter and thickness."

"It being necessary that your Mint should be brought without delay to its maximum capacity you will, in connection with the Operative Officers, arrange the working force in such manner as will best ensure that result, and you are authorized to procure all necessary materials, apparatus &c required, and to work extra hours whenever the same can be advantageously employed."

You will please conform strictly to these requirements, and hold your department to its

its full working capacity

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Wm Barber, Esq

Engraver

March 2d 8–

Sir:

I have this morning received from the Director of the Mint, the following instructions, amongst others, with regard to the new silver dollars: and which I communicate for your official guidance.

"The tolerance on the weight of the single piece will be that fixed by the Act of 1837, viz; One and a half grains: the variation from fineness by the same Act is three thousandths, being the same as in the Coinage Act of 1873. In the deliveries from the Coiner to the Superintendent the provisions of the Coinage Act of 1873 will be conformed to."

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

M. H. Cobb. Esq

Cashier

March 2 8

Sir

Your letter of Feby 26, has been received.

The Mint is not making trade dollars, and never has them for sale.

You can doubtless buy them of brokers.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Mr. F. Dahlem.
Fond du Lac
Wis

March 2 8

Sir:

The price of the proof silver dollar of the new issue, when issued, will be $1.50 in currency. They will not be ready for about six weeks.

The Mint does not furnish proof coins of former years, but only of the current year.

I enclose a circular for your information.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mr R. D. Brown.
La Crosse
Wis

March 2 . 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 1st inst. is at hand.

The new silver dollars will, under the law, be coined for the U. S. Government only, and deposits of silver bullion will not be received for that purpose from private parties.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
Wm. J. S. Hughes.
Baltimore
Md

March 2d 8

Sir.

In reference to the manufacture of the new silver dollars, I have this morning received from the Director of the Mint, the following instructions, amongst others, which I communicate for your official information and guidance.

"You will commence at once the preparation of silver dollar blanks to your full capacity"

"The tolerance on the weight of the single piece will be that fixed by the act of 1837. viz: one and a half grains: the variation from fineness by the same act

is three thousandths, being
the same as in the Coinage
Act of 1873."

"It being necessary that
your Mint should be brought
without delay to its maximum
capacity, you will, in connection with the Operative Officers,
arrange the working force in
such manner as will best
insure that result, and you are
authorized to procure all necessary materials, apparatus
&c, required, and to work
extra hours whenever the same
can be advantageously employed

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Jas. C. Booth Esq
Melter & Refiner

March 2 8

Hon: H R Linderman
Director &c. &c.

Sir

Herewith I enclose a Catalogue of the Minerals &c. forwarded to your office by Express.

A few in the Collection were not considered desirable, or worth sending; and were replaced by others from the Mint Collection, duplicates.

Very respectfully
Supdt.

(Copy of the Catalogue retained.)

March 2 8

Sir.

I have this morning received your letter of the 1st inst. conveying special instructions with regard to the manufacture of the new silver dollars, and the preparitory arrangements, and work to that end.

I have communicated your directions to the respective operative Officers of the Mint, and to the Cashier, and the work in all its branches will be pushed forward vigorously. The Melter & Refiner has been busy all day casting ingots for the new silver dollars, and the Coiner will work up to him as closely as possible, with the rolling and cutting.

The Engraver will do his part as rapidly as possible; and in due time every thing will be in full blast, and working to your entire satisfaction.

The Adjusting room will be arranged as directed.

If the collars for the Western Mints are to be made here, there can be no serious trouble as to the identity in diameter and thickness of the silver dollars struck at all the Mints; but if the collars for the other Mints are to be made out there, then the facts stated in the enclosed communications from our Engraver, Mr. Barber, and Mr. Samuel James, Foreman of our Machine Shop, will deservedly attract your attention, and call for careful consideration. I await your instructions on the subject.

Your telegraphic instructions to require Mr. Morgan to conform strictly to the approved design for the silver dollar in making his working hubs, were at once communicated to him, and will be observed.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

P.S. The diameter of the new silver dollar will be $1\frac{40}{100}$ inches.

March 4th 8

Sir

Your note of the 1st inst. is received.

The U. S. silver dollar of 1799 is not rare, and are worth only one dollar, A very good specimen would bring something over its intrinsic value among coin collectors.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Mr. C. W. Pott.
Sparta
Wis

March 4 8

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward.

1. Statement of Minor coins Re-deemed, Reissued and Exchanged during the month of Feby 1878.

2. For the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Minor coinage operations during the same month.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

March 4 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 2d inst received.

There is no authority of law for the disbursement of silver dollars by the Mint. Your inquiry should be addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury Washington. D. C.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

R. B. Johnson Esq. Treas.
Holyoke
Mass

March 4 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 2d inst, with its inclosures, has been received.

U. S. silver coins of the year 1859, were 900 fine: that is, 900 parts pure silver, and 100 parts alloy.

Very Respectfully

Supt

W. A. Chase, Esq. Agent
Holyoke Water Power Co.
Holyoke
Mass

March 8

Sir:

I hand you herewith my [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] for the month of February [illegible]

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

March 4th 8

Sir:

I hand you herewith my a/c of "Refinery Expenses" for the month of February 1878.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

March 4 2

Sir.

Your letter of the 1st inst. has been received.

The Mint has no quotations for "various silver coins," nor do we make silver coins for private depositors, but only for the U. S. Government. We receive old silver coins by weight, as bullion, on the terms of the enclosed circular, and pay for it in gold coin, at half a cent per ounce fine, less than the London quotations.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

J. M. C. Marble, Esq
Van Wert,
Ohio

March 4 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 2d inst, has been received.

In accordance with your directions, I herewith remit $\$14^{\underline{94}}$ the amount of your bill for expenses in attending the Annual Assay at this Mint, in February last.

I will thank you to advise me of its receipt.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Herbert G. Torrey. Esq. Assayer,
U. S. Assay Office
New York.

March 4   8

Sir:

I have received the enclosed communication from the Coiner renewing his request for some extensive additions and repairs in the cleaning room, which were informally brought to your notice when here. I submit his letter for your consideration, and await your instructions on the subject.

If you sanction the proposed alterations, which I approve and believe to be necessary, please advise me out of what fund the cost of them shall be paid, whether out of our ordinary apppriation for incidental expenses, which has been much reduced; the silver profit fund; or otherwise?

The alterations, if approved, will be made without delay.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

March 4th 8

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No. 6878 in your favor for Ninety two Thousand and Ninety nine 90/100 (92.099 90/100) Dollars, Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co
New York

March 4th 8

Sir.

I draw this day Check No. 6878, favor Messrs. J & W. Seligman & Co, for $92.099.90 Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion Purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas. [illegible]
Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

March 4 8

Sir,

I herewith forward, for the Secretary of the Treasury, C/D. of this date, No. 4183, for $110.25 gold coin, on account of Parting, Refining and Bar Charges.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

March 4 8

Sir.

I herewith forward my requisition of this date for the sum of $36,000. for the support of this Mint for the current month, March, out of the following appropriations.

Salaries	$3,000.
Wages	25,000
Incidentals	8,000

I also forward a requisition for $500, in gold coin, for Refining expenses for the current month.

Very Respectfull—

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Jas. Pollock
Sup't

March 4 8

Sir.

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury, in my favor as Superintendent of this Mint, for the sum of Five Hundred (500) Dollars, to meet expenses of the Refinery for the current month, March, and with which I am to be charged and held accountable under my bond dated April 1. 1873.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington.

Mch 5 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th inst, has been received.

The document you hold is a memorandum merely. The deposit it refers to was paid by the Mint December 26, 1856, to George Barr; Agent of the Adams Express Company by whom it was no doubt forwarded to the owner.

Very Respectfully
Jas R Pollock
Supt

Mr.
C. E. Dearborn.
Buffalo
N. Y.

March 5 8

Sir.

Referring to your letter (J.W. of Feby 27th, I herewith forward C/D No. 1407 for $8.57 in silver coin, on your currency transfer account, being the bullion value of $9.56 in mutilated and foreign silver coin specified in your letter.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
James Gilfillan.
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D.C.

March 5 8

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Gold Workings, and Silver Workings for Feby 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jno Reid
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 5th 8

Sir

I enclose herewith a statement of Silver Bullion Purchased for the month of February 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 5th 8

Sir:

I hand you herewith my a/c of "Ordinary Expenses" for the Month of February 1878.

Very Respectfully
G. W. Lowery
Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

March 6th 8

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 6879 for Eighty three thousand Eight Hundred & Ten ^{41} (83.810 ^{41}) Dollars Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint @ 120 3/4 cts per ounce fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mess. J & W. Seligman & Co.
New York

March 6th 8

Sir

I draw this day Check No. 6879 favor J & W. Seligman Co. New York, for $83.810 41/100 Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas. R. [illegible]
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

March 6 8

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 1st inst. I herewith forward C/D No. 1410, for $\$16^{\underline{80}}$ in silver coin, on account of your currency transfer account, being the bullion value of $\$20^{\underline{22}}$ in mutilated silver 3¢ pieces specified in your letter.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
Jas. Gilfillan
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

March 6 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 4th inst, has been received.

U. S. standard gold or silver is the weight and fineness of our gold and silver coins as fixed by Act of Congress.

U. S. gold and silver coins are 900 fine, that is 900 parts pure metal, and 100 parts alloy. Karats are no longer used, but thousandths; 1,000 representing absolutely pure gold or silver.

British sterling silver is 925 fine.

An ounce of pure gold is wor

$20.67 in U. S. gold coin. An ounce of pure silver is worth what it will bring in the bullion market, which is regulated by the daily London quotations. For instance the London price yesterday in gold as quoted in the money article of the leading daily newspapers, was 54 1/8 pence per ounce fine. The Mint buys silver plate and old silver coins &c over the counter, at half a cent per ounce fine less than the London rate, and after being melted and refined, pays for it in U. S. gold coin. We do not buy gold, but coin it for depositors.

Silver dollars, halves, quarters and dimes are coined for the U. S. Government only.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Wm Jordan. Esq
Waterville Me.

March 6 8

Sir

Mr. Geo. C. Thompson, Agent of the Adams Express Co. has to day forwarded to you $\$10^{60}$ in gold coin, the bullion value of the small lot of old silver coins mentioned in your letter of the 3d inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

March 7 8

Sir.

I herewith return one dollar in currency, and a good three cent copper nickel coin, in exchange for an equal amount of defective coin, enclosed for that purpose in your letter of the 6th inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 7 8

Sir.

The one dollar note enclosed in your letter of the 6th inst, is herewith returned, as I have no authority to pay out or exchange the new silver dollars, except proof specimens, which will not be ready for several weeks, and the price will be $1,50, each, in currency

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

G. L. Eberhart H. R.

Harrisburg

Pa

March 7 8

Sir

I herewith return the letter of March 2, which you received from D. M. Swan, Leavenworth, Kansas, and also, in compliance with your request, endorsed thereon, enclose a memorandum from our Assayer, Prof. DuBois, giving directions as to the best methods of detecting counterfeit silver coins.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

March 7   8

Sir.

Referring to your letter (J. W. W.) of the 2d inst, I herewith forward C/D No. 1413. for $1 50 silver coin, on your currency transfer account, being the bullion value of $1 25 in mutilated silver coin, specified in your letter.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon
Jas. Gilfillan
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D.C.

March 7 8

J. Haven Jr. Esq. Ass^{t}. Treas. U.S.

Sir

The ¼ dol. sent by you, has been burnt, & the oxide of copper remains on the surface. This must be scratched off, to give a fair test. The proper fluid test is compounded of—

{24 grs. nitr: silver crystals-
15 grs. nitr: acid
1 oz. water.

Nitr. acid _alone_, will stain a good coin.

The piece is returned.

Truly yours

Ass. U.S.

March 7 8

Sir.

In compliance with your request of Feby 25. I have increased the compensation of L. C. Herring, deposit melter, in the Melter & Refiners department of this Mint, from $2,50 to $3.00 per diem, and submit the same for approval. This increase to date from the 1st of March, inst.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington. D.C.

March 7 8

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 1st inst, I herewith forward C/D No. 184 for $42.28 gold coin, the recoinage of $42.28 light gold coin specified in your letter.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Jas. C. Abbott. Esq
Coll of Customs.
Wilmington
N. C

March 7 8

Sir.

I herewith forward for payment, receipted bill in duplicate, of R. A. McClure, for two proof silver dollars of the new issue, to be placed in the Mint, and to show both the obverse and reverse.

Referring to your notice some time since that no more purchas could be made for our Cabinet out of this years appropriation, I remark that the new dollar seems to be an exception to all rules, and I think that under the circumstances, you can appro the bill. The popular desire to see the new dollar is so great that I have temporarily placed my own pattern pieces in the cabinet that our visitors may have a look at them.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

2224 W. Montgomery Ave.
Phila. Penna.

Gentlemen:

I am at present enrolled with the La Salle Extension University in American Law and Proceedure.

I have completed half the course, and have a year and half's work ahead

Gentlemen:

I am at present enrolled with the La Salle Extension University in American Law & Procedure

2224 W. Montgomery Ave.
Phila. Pa.

Gentlemen:

I am presently enrolled

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